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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. TIME-TABLE.

UP TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Kowloon Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	8.05	9.15	10.00	12.10	1.15	2.35	2.45	4.20
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	8.49	8.14	8.39	8.14	9.24	10.09	12.19	1.24	2.44	2.54	4.29
Shatin Dep.	7.01	7.26	7.51	7.26	8.36	9.21	11.31	1.36	2.56	3.06	4.31
Tai Po Dep.	7.10	7.35	8.00	7.35	8.45	9.30	11.40	1.45	3.05	3.15	4.40
Market Dep.	7.20	7.45	8.10	7.45	8.55	9.40	11.50	1.55	3.15	3.25	4.50
Fanning Dep.	7.30	7.55	8.20	7.55	9.05	9.40	12.00	2.05	3.25	3.35	4.55
Shing Dep.	7.40	8.05	8.30	8.05	9.15	9.50	12.10	2.15	3.35	3.45	5.00
Sham Shui Dep.	7.50	8.15	8.40	8.15	9.25	10.00	12.20	2.25	3.45	3.55	5.10
Canton Arr.	12.05	12.30	12.55	12.30	1.40	2.15	4.25	5.30	6.55	7.10	8.35

DOWN TRAINS											
STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11
Canton Dep.	8.10	8.35	9.00	8.35	9.45	10.30	12.40	1.45	3.05	3.15	4.40
Sham Shui Dep.	8.20	8.45	9.10	8.45	9.55	10.40	12.50	1.55	3.15	3.25	4.50
Shing Dep.	8.30	8.55	9.20	8.55	10.05	10.40	13.00	2.05	3.25	3.35	4.55
Fanning Dep.	8.40	9.05	9.30	9.05	10.15	10.50	13.10	2.15	3.35	3.45	5.00
Tai Po Dep.	8.50	9.15	9.40	9.15	10.25	11.00	13.20	2.25	3.45	3.55	5.10
Shatin Dep.	9.00	9.25	9.50	9.25	10.35	11.10	13.30	2.35	3.55	4.05	5.20
Yau Ma Tei Dep.	9.10	9.35	10.00	9.35	10.45	11.20	13.40	2.45	4.05	4.15	5.30
Kowloon Arr.	12.05	12.30	12.55	12.30	1.40	2.15	4.25	5.30	6.55	7.10	8.35

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"MY LIVELY LIFE."

MR. JACK JONES, M.P.,
AS AUTHOR.

"ODDITIES" OF ST. STEPHEN'S.

There is nothing malicious and much that is entertaining in the story which Mr. Jack Jones, M.P., tells of "My Lively Life" (John Long, Ltd., 6s. net).
One of the brightest chapters is that in which he deals with the "oddities" of St. Stephen's.
"Now, fanatics are always manifest," he says, "where two or three are gathered together to do good or harm. Certainly it is true that all new parties seem to attract an alarming number of fanatics, and we in the Labour Party are no exception. I sometimes think that all the fanatics of creation think they have a perfect right to flop down with us, and I can assure you they make things very uncomfortable for us of the rank and file who distrust fanaticism as much as we dislike it."
"Then, of course, we get those most terrible people—the prohibitionists. Well, I treat men like Mr. Scrymgeour as you would treat any decent chap suffering from a horrible and quite incurable complaint."

On one occasion, relates Mr. Jones, "a misguided zealot introduced a discussion on birth control." Mr. Jones spoke in strong terms against this attempt to saddle the Labour Party with such a policy, whereupon he was rebuked by Mr. A. J. Cook, "who got up, and in great excitement, told us several times that I was 'the fool of the Labour Party.'"

Spare Foreign Secretary.
As an interrupter in the House Mr. Jones is something of an authority, and one is consequently not surprised to read this pronouncement:

"Winston is not a man to be thrown off his stroke by interruptions—he thrives on them, so does Lloyd George for that matter, but there are Ministers who suffer agonies when they are interrupted. Sir Austen Chamberlain is very sensitive to interruption, and he seems to suffer so keenly and perceptibly that I never interrupt him if I can avoid it."

His brother, Neville, loses his temper and spits fire when he is interrupted, and, if you look at Hansard, you will see that I keep him spitting fire, too!

"I'm afraid I've tried the Speaker's patience to the limit—sometimes a point beyond—with my interruptions." His "special pet" at one time, he remarks, was Sir Hamar Greenwood.

Here is an excellent picture of Mr. Lloyd George coming down to the House in the first Parliament after the war to soothe his restive followers: "He would croon as softly as a snake-charmer, a moment later excitedly declaiming in matches rhetoric; then perhaps there would be a bit of real 'sub-stuff' calculated to draw tears to the eyes of a graven image."

The result was a foregone conclusion. It was a shame to take the money, as to speak, the hard-faced men were simply left, three or four moves behind, and there was nothing for them to do but cheer and be in some mysterious way proud that they had got such a leader—a leader whom they could not follow, except at a distance, a leader they were beginning to distrust, even as they cheered."

JAPAN TO PAY GOLD FRANCES.

JUDGMENT CONFIRMED BY APPELLATE COURT.

Paris, Dec. 14th.
A special message to the *Paris Press* from Beascon says the Appellate Court there yesterday confirmed the judgment passed by the Departmental Tribunal of Haute Saone ruling that the City of Tokyo shall pay in gold francs the principal and interest of its loan of 1912 raised in France.

[The Tokyo Municipality floated a 100,000,000 francs loan in France in 1912 for the purpose of extending its electric service in Tokyo. After gradual redemption, the loan is understood to total 95,000,000 francs now. The loan bears 5 per cent. interest. In connection with the suit brought by a French citizen, the Departmental Tribunal at Haute Saone on February 8th ruled that Tokyo City shall pay in gold francs the interest and principal of the loan of 1912.]

GREAT CRIME WAVE IN FRANCE.

THREE MURDERS DAILY.

OUTDOING WRITERS OF FICTION.

More than ever before, garroters and gun men now feature in the daily life of France, spreading a trail sufficiently gory to make Chicago sit up and take notice. Three murder victims a day is a newspaper estimate of the gunman's "score" during the past few months.
The "crime passionnel" is and always has been a prominent feature of French crime statistics. Signifying to the Frenchman, however, little more than a bootlegging case in the States, these crimes, some of them charged with sufficient emotion, action and horror to make Grand Guignol stage stuff pale by comparison, pass through the Courts with little publicity, the benefit usually being given to the murderer by an "understanding" jury, a jury, that is, which appreciates how mad a Frenchman can become when thwarted or slighted in affairs of the heart.

Now to these domestic feuds has been added the hell-fire action of the bandit big and little, robbing enough thrills to make the lover of Edgar Poe and Gaston Leroux put aside his book and pay attention to reality.

This new phase in French crime may be dated from the novel-like affair of the taxi-cab of Gaen, enacted in all its gripping mystery in the quietness of rural Brittany. Two taxi drivers who successively owned the same cab—XY 2035—were done to death on a country road near Gaen while driving the fatal cab. The murders occurred at almost exactly the same spot yet the author of the first assassination, a youth of 20, had already paid with his head by the time the second crime was committed.

A passenger in the cab on the second fatal trip was missed and searched for far and wide until his dead body was recovered from a nearby stream.

A Marseilles Mystery.
Whether the lurid details of this baffling affair, outdoing the imaginations of fiction writers, inflamed the thoughts of potential bandits cannot be ascertained, but the fact is that a wave of killing swept France and continues at the present time the latest instance being a hold-up of a bank messenger at Marseilles carried out by a gang who, the police say, imitated the notorious Bonnot gang of terrible memories. In view of groups of business men outside the Bourse, the Marseilles bandits shot down the messenger and removed his satchel, crammed full of bills, then made their escape in several autos.

Not many weeks before, repetition of the infamous rage of Sydney Street in London was being staged in Paris by a solitary bandit who held up squads of police who kept him at bay in a house until a well directed bullet found his brain. Sensational cases like this occupy the front pages every week or so, but tucked away in the back pages one may read daily of murder trials mainly figuring youth who have spilled blood either for bravado or gain.

With nearly a million and a half foreigners in the country many of them political and other refugees, a rise in crime statistics might be expected, but while many of the political crimes, such as the recent shooting to death of the Italian priest Cesare Caravadosi near Nancy, are the work of foreigners, the great majority of the more common type of assassinations are laid to Frenchmen.

Freakish Crimes.
Freakish crimes, too, are becoming much more numerous. The closing scene has just been played at Rennes, on a crime story which thrilled all France—the murder by a family of three, mother, father and son, of the ne'er-do-well youth whom the daughter of the house had married. The mother, Mme. Olivier, went to prison for life, the father for twenty years and the son for fifteen. The son fired the fatal shot, but the mother had planned the crime.

As for the aforementioned love crimes, a Paris newspaper, *Le Soir*, has taken the trouble to make a computation of the killings in France, actuated, because of jealousy or unrequited love or outraged feelings. He puts the total at thirty-eight—thirty eight assassinations—for the first fortnight of August alone!

French people are naturally wondering how they can check this appalling flow of blood, apparently forgetting that death-dealing can be bought almost anywhere in France as easily as one buys a handkerchief—and that's just the way hot-headed Frenchmen

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.
(December 27th.)

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanning.

Queen's Theatre: "The Divine Woman."

World Theatre: "Seventh Heaven."

Star Theatre: "Paris at Midnight."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dances: St. Francis Hotel and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Nagato Maru). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Chekiang), 6 p.m.

Friday.
(December 28th.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting: Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Prize giving Yau Ma Tei School, 12 noon.

Hockey: Y.M.C.A. and XI. H.K. Club "A", King's Park, 5 p.m.

St. Peter's Y.M. Club dance at Lane, Crawford's, 8 p.m.

St. Peter's Church Y.M. Club Dance, 9 p.m.

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Saturday.
(December 29th.)

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club: Menagerie Race or Re-sail.

Industrial and Commercial Bank 12th Ordinary general meeting, 2 p.m.

Cricket:—Division I: Chinese v. Police (F), Craigengower v. Indians (L). Division II: Kowloon v. Civil Service (L), Hong Kong C.C. v. Recreation (L), Hong Kong Electric v. Indians (F), R.A.S.C. v. R.A.O.C. (F).

Football:—First Division: Chinese v. K.O.S.B., Kowloon v. Police, Queen's v. South China, Recreation v. Club Second Division: University v. R.A.F., South China v. K.O.S.B., Eastern v. Navy, Queen's v. Kowloon, Royal Artillery v. St. Joseph's, Recreation v. South China "B", Chinese v. Small Units.

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GERMAN FOREIGN LOANS.

A revised estimate shows that Germany's long-term foreign loans in the first four repatriation years ending August 31st, reached a nominal aggregate of 8,453 million marks, the issue price, however, being 6,096 millions.
This includes the Dawes loan of 1924. Of the nominal total, America supplied 4,282 millions, Holland 769 millions and England 745 millions. The share in these foreign borrowings by German municipalities and credit institutions tended to increase, while the portion of the loans reporting industrial borrowings tended to decline. Foreign loans of the last named class were 830 million in the second repatriation years, 437 millions in the third and 291 millions in the fourth.
The Government is now proposing to take steps to prevent municipalities from selling in Holland their internal reichsbank loans. This practice has practically constituted indirect evasion of the control by the loans advisory boards over German foreign borrowing.

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| 1 Qt. Guilleminet Champagne. | 2 Qts. Tawny Dry Port. |
| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 2 Qts. St. Julian Claret. |
| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy. | 1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy. | 1 Qt. Vio de Pastor Sherry. |
| 2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label | 1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters. |
| or Perfection Whisky. | |

No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy. | 1 Qt. Engrand's XXX Brandy. |
| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 1 Qt. Amontillado Sherry. |
| 2 Qts. Superior Bich Old Port. | 1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
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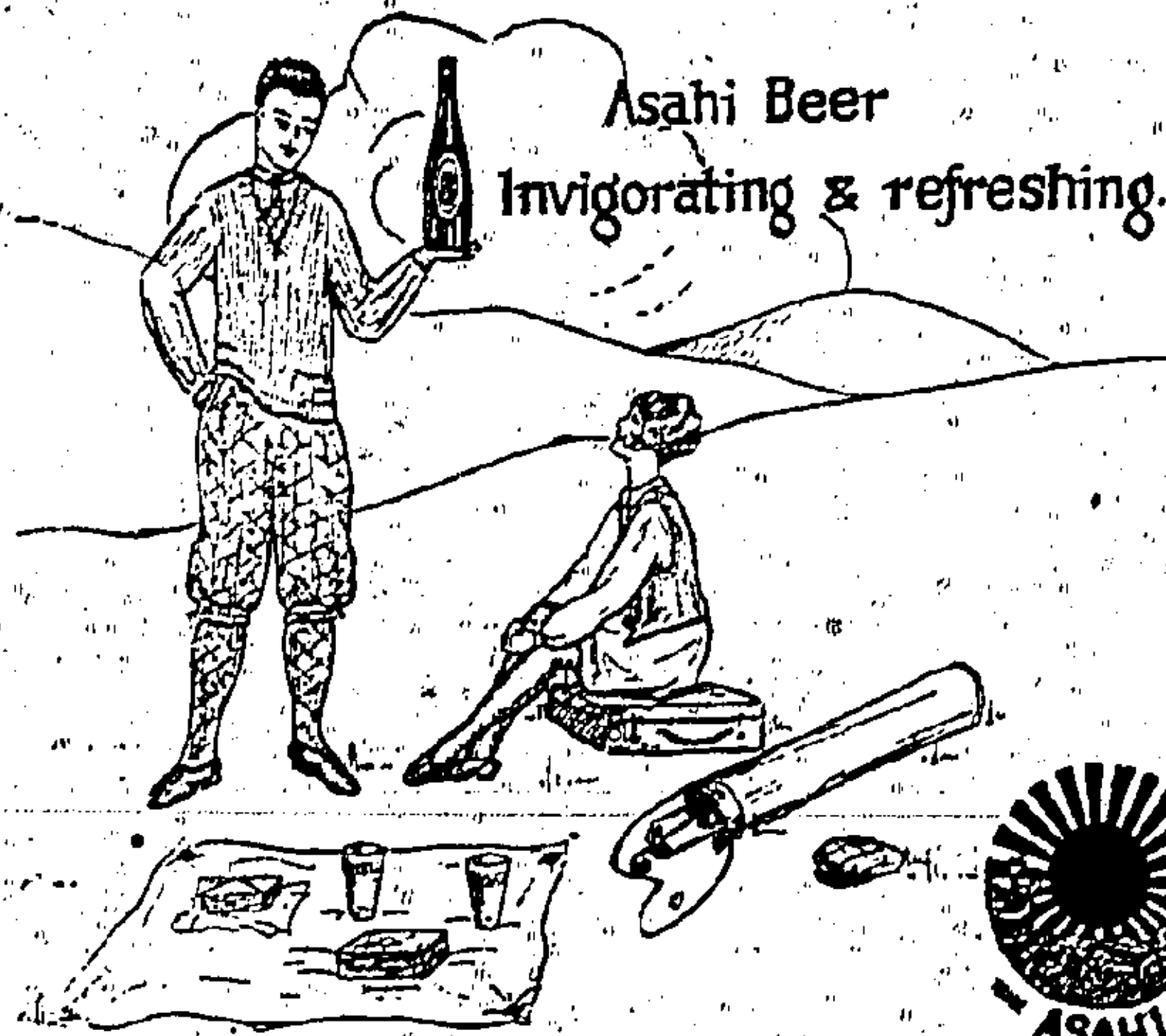
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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Business done in Hong Kong yesterday in rice, sugar and other foodstuffs, included the following transactions:

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Seal White Siam Rice.	
327 bags	\$3.51
Double Star White Long Rice, 1,067 bags	7.14
No. 1 White Broken Rice, 336 bags	5.38
Blue Grapes White Rice, 610 bags	7.72
Blue Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 960 bags	6.18
Blue Goose White Rice, 300 bags	7.80
Blue Seal White Rice, 100 bags	8.00
Red Pearl White Rice, 100 bags	7.05
Red Pearl White Brewer Rice, 500 bags	6.49
Red Pearl No. 1 White Broken Rice, 400 bags	6.30
Red Pearl No. 2 White Broken Rice, 350 bags	5.96
Blue Seal White Glutinous Rice, 176 bags	6.42
Blue Seal White Glutinous Brewer Rice, 183 bags	6.14

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 18 coarse powdered sugar, 200 bags	\$6.93
No. 30 coarse powdered sugar, 200 bags	7.08
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.43
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 500 bags	7.48
Java Red sugar, 872 bags	6.00
Java Red sugar, 1,587 bags	8.13
Manila Green sugar, 927 bags	8.83

Miscellaneous.

Red Melon Seeds, 50 bags at \$27 per bag.	
Black Beans 40 bags at \$6.90 per picul.	
Yellow Beans, 50 bags at \$6.50.	
Awabi, 10 cases at \$114 per case.	

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at Tuesday's Canton market in rice, sugar, oil and flour were as follows:

Rice.	Per Picul.
Green Seal White Long Rice	\$10.65
Green H. White Long Rice	10.75
Green Anchor White Rice	11.06
Green Horse White Long Rice	10.30
Red Horse White Rice	10.30
Burning Sun White Long Rice	9.50
Red Lion White Rice	9.50
Wo Hop White Long Rice	10.30
Three Marks White Annam Rice	9.50
Chai Mei White Long Rice	10.80
See Mui White Long Rice	10.60
Red Seal White Brewer Rice	8.92
Green Seal White Brewer Rice	6.54
Siam Rice	6.38
Red Pearl White Brewer Rice	6.38

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered sugar	\$7.90
No. 3 coarse powdered sugar	7.50
No. 30 coarse powdered sugar	7.60
No. 1 Granulated sugar	9.40
No. 1 Fine Granulated sugar	10.30
Wahchow Native sugar	9.40
Spring Native Candy	10.30

Oil.	Per Picul.
Groundnut Oil—	
Honan Best quality	\$23.70
Tientsin Best quality	22.70
Dairen Best quality	27.00
Chifu Oil	25.60
Fangchi Oil	25.15
Kwongai Wood Oil	26.60

Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	\$4.00
Silver Seal	4.10
Banana	4.05
Cheung Luk	4.15
Maize	3.95
Sword of Kwantai	4.25
Cannon	4.80
Cabbage	4.40
Dalton	4.50
Dog's Head	4.50

JAPAN CEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR HONG KONG.

PRICES TO BE REGULATED.

The China branches of the Asano, Onoda and several other Japanese concerns dealing in cement are planning to organize a Japan Portland Cement Exporters' Association in Hong Kong for the purpose of checking reckless selling and regulating the markets in China and Dutch East Indies.

It is proposed that the new Association shall have its office in Hong Kong, and each affiliated concern will dispatch one expert to the office to participate in its management.

INDIAN DISCOUNT RATE.

Bombay, Dec. 13th. The Imperial Bank of India today increased its discount rate from 6 to 7 per cent. The bank raised its rate from 5 to 6 per cent. on November 27th.

OVERSEA MARKET REPORTS.

DECEMBER 14th.

Sugar.

New York, Dec.	2.08 cents	-1
New York Mar.	2.11 cents	-1
New York May.	2.17 cents	-1
New York Sept.	2.29 cents	-1
New York, Dec.	2.3-16 cents	-1
Java Spot	13	
Java, Dec.	13	
Java, Jan.	13	
Java, Feb.	13	
Java, Mar.	13	
London, Dec.	13.1	
London, Mar.	13.6	
London, May.	13.8	
London, July.	13.8	

New York Raw Silk.

Crack Double Extra.	\$5.15
Spot	\$5.02
Extra, Spot	\$5.09
Dec.	\$5.09
Jan.	\$5.07
Feb.	\$5.07
Mar.	\$5.06
Apr.	\$5.06
May	\$5.06
June	\$5.07
July	\$5.06

London Rubber.

Spot	17 1/2
Jan-Mar.	17 1/2
Spot	3.9-16d.
Jan-Mar.	3.11-16d.

Chicago Wheat.

Dec.	\$1.16 1/2
May	\$1.22
Spot	\$1.22

Egyptian Raw Cotton.

Jan.	39.03 tallars
Mar.	39.52 tallars

Shanghai Cotton Yarn.

Dec.	164.1 taels
May	160.9

Wall Street.

Steel	132 1/2
Anaconda	106
Shares dealt in	3,000,000

New York Raw Cotton.

Spot	20.50
Jan.	20.22
Highest	20.45
Lowest	20.32
Mar.	20.37
May	20.10
July	19.85
Oct.	19.28

Bombay Raw Cotton.

Broach, FG Apr-May	366
Omra, F Dec-Jan	325
Omra, F Mar	331
Bengal, FG Dec-Jan	291
Bengal, FG Mar	291

London Bar Silver.

On	29 1/2
London, Spot	29 1/2
New York	57 1/2

New York T.T.

England	\$4.55-3-16
Japan	\$4.57
China	\$3.11-10

DECEMBER 14th.

Yokohama Silk.

Opening.	Closing.
Dec.	141.10 141.50
Jan.	137.80
Feb.	138.00 137.90
Mar.	136.50 136.40
Apr.	136.60 136.60

Osaka Rice.

Opening.	Closing.
Dec.	29.10 28.79
Jan.	29.14 28.98
Feb.	29.29 28.93

Kobe Silk.

Opening.	Closing.
Feb.	138.50 138.50
Mar.	138.70 138.30
Apr.	138.50 138.40
May	138.50 137.80

Osaka Sugar.

Opening.	Closing.
Dec.	11.90 11.91
Jan.	—
Feb.	—
Mar.	—
Apr.	11.25 11.27
May	11.29 11.31

Osaka Raw Cotton.

Opening.	Closing.
Dec.	63.00 63.15
Jan.	63.30 63.60
Feb.	63.40 64.15
Mar.	64.75 64.80
Apr.	65.00 64.85
May	65.35 65.15

Osaka Cotton Yarn.

Opening.	Closing.
Dec.	245.80 245.10
Jan.	240.80 241.20
Feb.	238.00 238.00
Mar.	238.30 236.60
Apr.	235.50 235.90
May	235.70 235.70
June	235.90 235.10

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

December 25th.	
Water Works	\$3.90
Electric Power Co.	5.10
Canton-Hankow Railways	0.90
The Sun Company	6.45
Sincere Company	8.20
Nanyang Bros Tob. Co.	3.90
Canton Tramways	1.60
China Merchant S.S. Naviga-	8.40
tion Company	

CANTON COTTON YARN TRADE.

A cable from Shanghai of the 25th instant stated that the cotton yarn market was a little firmer than on Monday. The Canton Market was still very dull and no large transactions were done. After receiving the Shanghai telegram, quotations were a little firmer.

Quotations for Tuesday's Canton cotton yarn market were as follows:

No.	Yarn	Per Bale.
No. 42	Five Sons	\$548
	Butterfly	518
	Fui Hee	508
No. 38	Double Horse	448
	Tin Koon	458
	Pine Deer	468
No. 20	City of Gold	333
	Globe	316
	Good Harvest	312
	Double Horse	309
	Double Elephant	316
	Tramcar	308
	Shepherd	303
	Three Stars	304
No. 16	Globe	255
	Fui Kwei	254
	Man Clock	253
No. 12	City of Gold	258
	Peacock	257
	Fui Kwei	277
	Tramcar	274
	Aeroplane	278
No. 10	Sailing Vessel	251
	City of Gold	258
	Peacock	253
	Lotus Bee	254
No. 6	Lion	213
	Lion No. 2	193

JAPAN'S COTTON TRADE WITH CHINA

BIG DEMAND DESPITE BOYCOTT.

According to the Osaka Mainichi, Japan's export trade of cotton yarn and cloth for this year so far has been very satisfactory as compared with last year, notwithstanding the fact that the trade has been retarded for the time being since May on account of the anti-Japanese movement. The anti-Japanese campaign has heavily affected the export trade of general merchandise.

According to the figures compiled by the Japan Spinners' Association, the export of cotton cloth for October reached Y21,332,000 in value, as compared with Y18,521,000 in September, Y18,874,000 in August, Y15,494,000 in July, Y10,297,000 in June, Y15,006,000 in May, and Y18,515,000 in April. The total for the above-mentioned seven months amounted to Y115,840,000, as compared with Y100,732,000 in the corresponding seven months of last year, an increase of more than Y15,000,000. The cotton yarn also showed to advantage.

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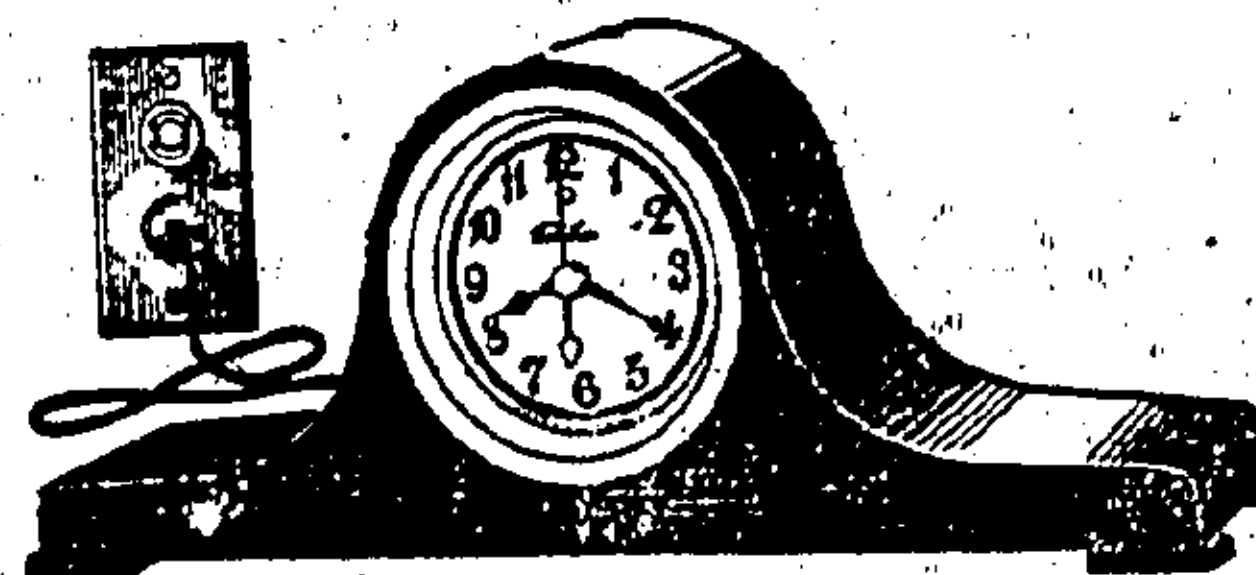
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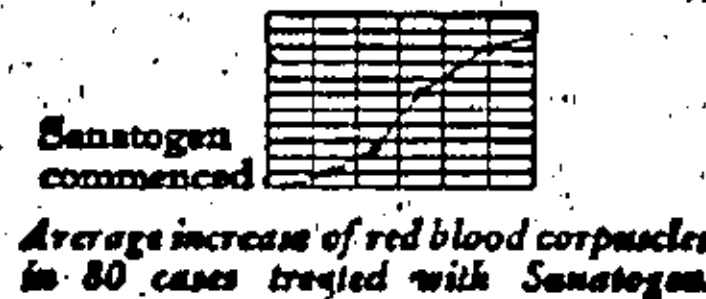
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SHIPBUILDING IN 1928.

BRITAIN LEADS AND GERMANY SECOND.
AMERICA "FAR DOWN THE LINE."

PARIS (U.P.)
The proportion of uniform increase in shipbuilding-tonnage up to September 30th of this year is in favour of Germany, which among all shipbuilding nations of the world, shows the biggest gain over the preceding trimestre of 1928. Germany is leading a remarkable comeback, and despite the fact that England still leads the world in shipbuilding, the second place in projected and finished construction, goes to Germany.

The United States is far down the line, about on a footing with the British Dominions. This probably places the United States shipyards on a plane of inactivity lower than any of the big powers, considering the number of shipyards, the size of the country and its vast industrial facilities.

A comparison between Great Britain and the United States readily discloses how shipbuilding has got away from the American yards. On September 30th of this year Great Britain had under construction 231 ships with an estimated gross tonnage of 1,080,760 tons. The United States reported under construction 29 ships with only 64,000 tons. Germany was building twice the number of the United States, being 77 ships totalling almost a half million tons. Germany's gain over the second trimestre is more than 15,000 tons. In this same period Great Britain lost more than 112,000 tons. Great Britain's tonnage for this year was even inferior to that of the same period of 1927, where there was an important miners strike which affected the industry.

Other countries which show proportionate gains in the last three months ending September 30th include Holland, which shows a gain of 18,000 tons; and France which shows a gain of 12,000 tons, which puts France ahead of Italy, that country having lost over 21,000 tons in the three months.

Russia, Japan and Denmark all lost in tonnage, while the loss of the United States in a comparison between the second and third semestres was more than 33,000 tons. Tonnage under construction is divided these days between steel and iron steamships and steel and iron motor driven boats, the steam driven ship still leading.

Sailing Ships.
Another interesting feature of ship construction as reported by Lloyd's Register is that various countries are still building wooden and iron sailing ships. Twenty-seven steel sailing ships with a gross tonnage of more than 10,000 are under construction and 6-wooden sailing vessels are building in a gross tonnage of 6,300. Great Britain is building 14 of these old fashioned sailing ships and the United States is building 12, mostly on the Atlantic ports.

Of the steel tonnage, Germany is building 45 steam driven and 42 motor driven ships. England is building 168 steam driven ships and 59 motor driven, although the rise of the motor driven ship is notable. Only in France is the motor driven ship predominating, there being 11 motor boats and 7 steam driven ships. Denmark is building 13 motor boats; Holland is building 23 motor boats; Italy 31, Russia 25, and Sweden 20. The total tonnage for all countries shows 300,000 increase of motor boats over steam driven ships, although the number of steam driven ships larger by 51.

The total tonnage of ships just laid down shows a decrease of 42,000 for the third semestres. The total tonnage of ships launched shows an increase of 169,000 for the last semestres. Germany launched 25 ships; Great Britain launched 109,

and the United States launched 30. Holland launched 19, while other countries showed small figures.

Giants Of The Sea.
The repartition of ships under construction according to size gives the palm of sea supremacy to England, with Germany running second as an encroaching competitor. Of ships weighing more than 20,000 tons, Great Britain has 7 under construction, Germany has 2, the United States has 2, and both France and Italy each have one. Great Britain has five ships building in the tonnage measure between 15,000 and 19,000, while Germany has 3, Japan 2, and the United States and Holland, one each. Great Britain has 13 ships building in the 10 to 15,000 tons class, Germany has 2, Holland 6, Belgium and France one each.

It is notable that as the tonnage gross diminishes, Great Britain's construction increases, as well as Germany, while the smaller ships of other countries remain stationary. In the 8 to 10 thousand tons class, Great Britain has 13, France 5 and Germany 6. In the 6 to 8,000 class Great Britain has 28, and Germany 19. Holland continues with 6. In the 4 to 6,000 class Great Britain has 52, Germany 8, Denmark 6, and Holland 6. In the 2 to 4 thousand class, Great Britain has 30, Italy 19, Russia 12, Germany has 11, while 30 are almost equally divided among all other countries.

In the last class, ships of under 200 tons, Great Britain is building 94, Germany 26, Holland 24, and the United States only 13, and Italy 12. A footnote in the statistics states that of the ships in the largest class, the 9 apportioned to Germany will weigh more than 30,000, while 2 of the 7 building in England will weigh more than 23,000 tons.

One of the reasons for a decrease in ship construction for the last three months reported, is due to the falling off in the construction of oil tankers. An excess tonnage was available for shipments, although Great Britain had under construction 24 tankers, France being next with nine.

The Engines.
With the decrease in shipbuilding in the last three months up to September 30th, a similar decrease was noted in marine engines. Six hundred forty-six engines of various sizes were in construction for an estimated horse power of 2,040,879. In the preceding three months, 700 machines approximating 2 million horse power were reported.

Great Britain had under construction 240 motors, and engines for 849,000 horse power. Germany was next with 84 reported, but which does not include the number of turbines in construction, all for a reported horse power of more than 253,000. Denmark was third with 33 motors, for 174,000 horse power. Holland was fourth with 40 motors for 124,000 horse power, and Italy was fifth with 33 for 132,000 horse power. The total number of internal combustion engines was 384, compared to 249 steam turbine engines.

An analysis of these statistics shows the natural variation in shipbuilding as reported to Lloyd's every three months, but the outstanding facts indicate beyond doubt that Germany is forging ahead on a co-efficient greater than any other country, certainly superior to that of the United States, while England, still Mistress of the Seas, is striving hard for continued domination. It might be indicative of Germany's progress to note that the two big passenger ships now building are of the same size as the Mauretania.

He would never be his normal self again, and would always have a certain amount of the paralysis.

Futile Explanation.
His Honour stated that the whole case rested on the evidence of the complainant. The first accused said that he was drunk and did not know what he was doing. His explanation was futile. He pleaded provocation. Apparently by provocation he meant he was drunk. That was no defence whatever.

As regards the second accused, he set up an alibi, but could bring no one to prove it.

A Warning.
"You-Sikhs." His Honour proceeded, "in late years have misbehaved yourselves considerably in Singapore. As far as I am concerned, I give notice to you and your friends here that in any case in which you misbehave yourselves and come before me I shall make an example of you."

"Whether you happen to be drunk or sober, if you choose to take the law into your own hands, you must take the consequences. This man might have died, in which case the charge against you would have been one of murder."

"It appears you have not had a previous conviction, and you have been in prison for some considerable time. Otherwise I should give you a more severe sentence."

As it is sentence No. 1 to four months' rigorous imprisonment and No. 2 to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

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11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press. Demonstration Programme. Chinese and European Music.

1.45 p.m.—Weather Report.

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

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Duet

Hiriam Licette and Dennis Noble.

"The Merry-makers in Hawaii."

"The Merry-makers in Spain."

"Aida"—Celeste Aida

"La Gioconda"—Cielo E Mar

Ulysses Rappas, Tenor.

"Light Cavalry Overture"

Von Suppe

Victor Symphony Orch.

"Good-Bye Marie"

"Come Love With Me"

Beniamino Gigli, Tenor.

"The Good Little Boy and the Bad Little Boy"

"Under the Buzuk Tree"

Norman Long, Humourist.

"Marion Lescaut"

Donna Mon-Vidi Mai

"La Tosca"

Recondita Armonia Gigli.

"Gavotte in F Major"

Beethoven

"Moonlight Sonata"—Beethoven

Harold Bauer, Pianoforte.

"Pagliacci"—Prologue

Lawrence Tibbett, Baritone.

"Quanno 'A Femmesa Vo'"

"Maria, Mari" Gigli.

"Home"

"The Drage Way"

Norman Long.

"I'm Waiting for Ships That Never Come In"

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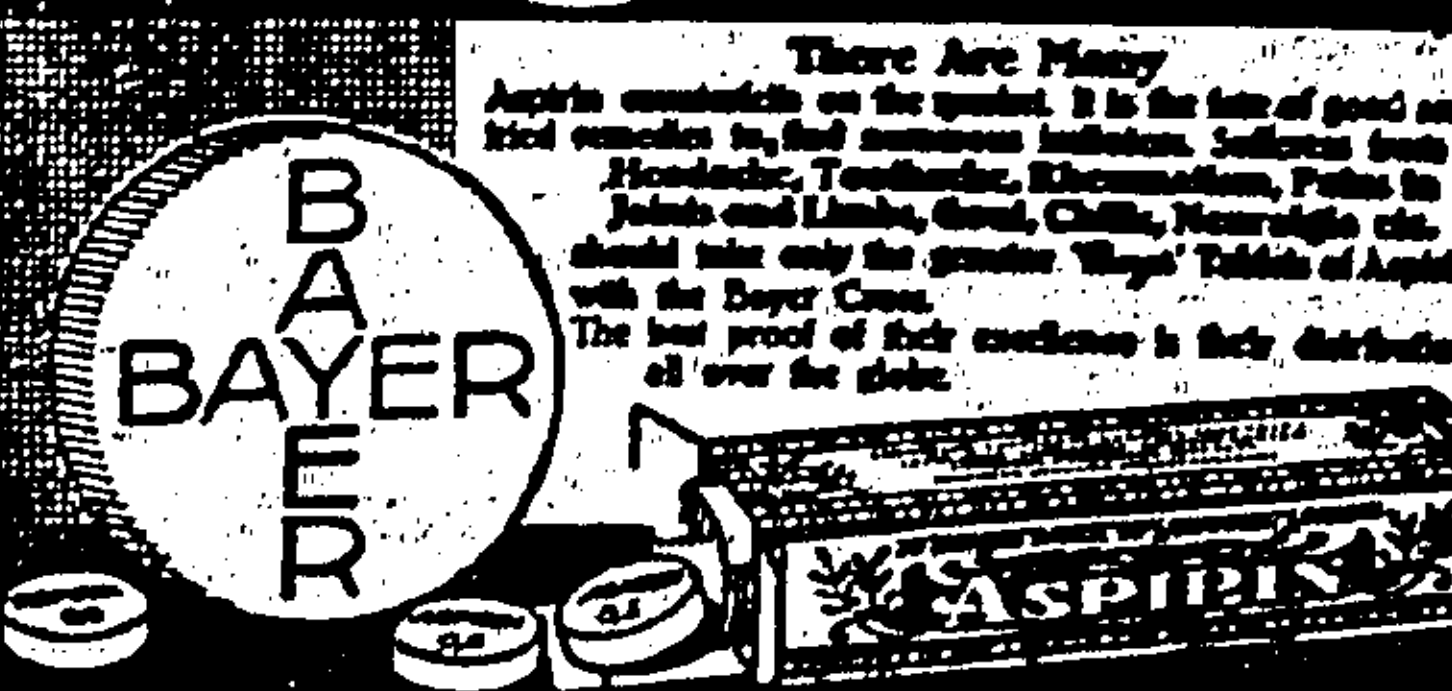
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THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

GAY SCENES AT HOTELS.
CHINESE YOUNGER GENERATION TO THE FORE.

Hong Kong does not go in for public functions at Christmas time, Long suffering Government officials and other notables are left in peace. There is, therefore, not a great deal to say about it in print, except that everyone seemed to be enjoying the day. Shops, hotels and places of amusement and refreshment were all decorated and the various dances, carnivals and special dinners and tiffins were very well patronised. This applied to all three days—Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Christmas Day opened this year with a lovely morning and the sun continued to shine all day although there was quite a seasonable freshness in the air.

All European shops and businesses were, of course, closed, but in the Chinese quarters brilliantly lit and decorated, in most cases, business continued brisk as ever.

Repulse Bay Hotel.

Practically every table at Repulse Bay Hotel was booked, there being no fewer than four hundred people for the dinner dance. The spacious dance hall was crowded, the entire hotel was gayly decorated, and the rattles, trumpets and favours distributed to the guests brought plenty of gaiety to the occasion.

Hong Kong Hotel.

The roof garden of the Hong Kong Hotel was also filled with merry-makers and was lavishly decorated. Many guests were in fancy costume and there were about as many Chinese ladies and gentlemen present as Europeans. They were, of course, mainly the younger generation, who have little to learn about the art of enjoying themselves especially at Christmas time.

At The King Edward And Other Hotels.

An elaborate Christmas dinner dance held at the King Edward was attended by no fewer than five hundred guests.

Many Chinese ladies in lovely national dresses lent additional colour, though the European frocks were of the latest and smartest. The music was excellent, and in this connection the King Edward Hotel orchestra is to be congratulated in securing Mr. Curly Gomes as drummer. "Curly" as he is known is full of vim with the paraphernalia, attaching to the sides and bottom of the drum, which largely contribute to the success of jazz music.

There were similar attractions at other hotels. At the Peninsula, there was also a good house, and the same applied to the St. Francis Lane, Crawford's Restaurant had its share of merry-makers, and the excellent music provided by their orchestra was enjoyed by all.

THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

LARGE CONGREGATIONS AT ALL CHURCHES.

The Christmas services started with the customary midnight Masses held in the Roman Catholic Cathedral and other places of worship, and Mass was celebrated on Christmas morning in all the Roman Catholic Churches. The midnight Mass was celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Valterra, assisted by the Church Vestry. The full choir was present and the chanting of "Adeste Fideles" was particularly impressive. Bishop Valterra preached on the Nativity.

St. John's Cathedral.

St. John's Cathedral was decorated for Christmas Day by members of the Women's Guild. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7, 8 and noon, and matins read at 11 o'clock. A sermon on the Incarnation was preached at matins by the Dean, and he was assisted at the services by the Rev. H. V. Koop and the Rev. W. T. Featherstone. The collections throughout the day for the Diocesan Schools and Orphanages.

Matins at which the Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria, and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, and Mrs. Southern were present, was heard by a large congregation among whom were His Excellency Major-General C. O. Luard and Mrs. Luard, Officers of His Majesty's Forces and of the Hong Kong Government and many leading residents of the Colony.

In his sermon the Dean spoke of the state of the world before the coming of Christ and of the difference which the Incarnation had made on the mentality of the world. Before that time God had been afar off, a stern judge, terrible, but the Incarnation had made Him the Father who is near to us and is the source of love and spiritual life.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE C.S.C.C.

MRS. SAYER COLLABORATES WITH SANTA CLAUS.

SPORTS PRIZES PRESENTED.

The annual Children's Day at the Civil Service Cricket Club was held yesterday in the Club grounds, Happy Valley. Everything was done to make the day a red letter one for the small guests. There was a shute, like that which was so popular a feature at the M.C.C. late, donkey rides, sports, a bran tub and lastly a big Christmas tree from which each child received a present, a bag of sweets, and a Union Jack.

The prizes and trophies won by members of the Club at bowls, cricket and tennis were presented before the Christmas tree was decorated. Mrs. Sayer kindly undertaking both distributions. Santa Claus (Mr. Millington) assisting her to give their gifts to the children.

Children's Sports.

The results of the children's sports were as follows:
Boys under 10—1st Heat: D. Hollidge; B. Pryde, 2nd Heat: W. Pryde; N. Booker.
Boys over 10—P. Murphy; R. Wood.

Boys' Foot Race under 10—N. Booker; F. Gow.
Boys' Foot Race over 10—R. Wood; P. Murphy.

Girls' Race under 10—N. Parsons; J. Holland.
Girls' Race over 10—M. Murphy; M. Glendenning.

Sports Prizes.

Championship:—Mr. F. E. Booker.
Runner-up:—Mr. A. W. Grimmet.

Doubles Handicap:—Winners: Mr. R. F. G. Jones and Mr. R. E. Davies; runners-up: Mr. A. W. Grimmet and Mr. Glendenning.

Non-Prize Winners: Winner: Mr. H. Lockhart; runner-up: Mr. Simmonds.

TENNIS.

Championship:—Mr. R. White.
Runner-up:—Mr. Radie.

Singles Handicap:—Winner: Mr. R. White; runner-up: Mr. R. Jones.
Men's Doubles Handicap:—Winners: Mr. Luck and Mr. Whant; runners-up: Mr. Tacca and Mr. Ursell.

Mixed Doubles:—Winners: Mr. and Mrs. Grimmet; runners-up: Mrs. Gill and Mr. Luck.

CRICKET.

1st Team Batting:—Mr. F. J. de Rome.
1st Team Bowling:—Mr. F. Baker.

2nd Team Batting:—Mr. R. S. W. Paterson.
2nd Team Bowling:—Mr. R. G. Robertson.

Thanks Of The Club To Mrs. Sayer. When all the prizes and presents had been distributed the President of the C.S.C.C. made a short speech of thanks to Mrs. Sayer and called for three cheers which were given with a will. A small girl then presented Mrs. Sayer with a bouquet of pink roses in a silver vase tied with the Club ribbons. Mr. G. R. Sayer replied on behalf of his wife thanking the Committee for the honour they had done her in asking her to collaborate with Santa Claus in the presentation.

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Constable R318 Ghulam Mohamed has been granted 8 months' leave of absence from the Colony commencing December 22nd.

(Sd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.).
Hong Kong, December 25th, 1928.

The Union Church.

The Christmas morning service was conducted at the Union Church by the Rev. F. C. Young who preached from the words "There was no room in the inn." These words he said seemed to him the most pathetic in the Christmas story, and even to-day there were many who missed the opportunity of giving hospitality to Christ. Many might find it hard in this Colony to realise that Christmas was really here, he himself did this year under strange conditions, but the Christmas spirit broke the bounds of geography, of time, and space, for it was an attitude of the heart and soul. The glory of Christmas was that we turned from hopelessness to hope, we forgot the things that worried or depressed and found one happiness in the simple joys of home life.

St. Peter's Church. There was a fairly large congregation at the Midnight Choral Eucharist at St. Peter's Church which was celebrated by the Rev. N. V. Halward. A short sermon on the Epiphany of Christmas was preached.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. THE ARMY.

CLOSE GAME ON THE CLUB GROUND.

Boxing Day dawned rather cold and cheerless, but by eleven o'clock the day had warmed up considerably as from the cricketer's point of view the weather was perfect all the time. The Army won the toss and elected to bat, sending in Christian and Evers.

From Bowker's first over Evers should have been taken at mid-on, and next over Wales, bowling from the Gas-Works and got Christian to play back to him and just took the top of his off peg. Mott came in and started to play excellent cricket, if a trifle slow. Evers timed them very nicely at times and hit the ball very hard, but might have been c and b by Parker. It was, however, a tremendously hot chance. At 43 the Army had a bit of bad luck as Evers was given out caught at first slip off his leg. Parker was bowling well at this time and had Gaye, who never settled down caught behind the wicket in trying to hook a short one. (60-3-1) A very nice stand ensued between Thorp and Mott. The latter found it difficult to score off anything but the bad ones, and his first five scoring shots were all fours, at rather long intervals. However, he braked up later and was unlucky to miss his fifty, being beautifully caught, left-handed by Sayer running back at square cover off a short 'un from Owen Hughes. (4 for 129.) Wales was bowling excellently and soon got one, that kept very low, past Dobbie's defence. Thorp, however, continued to play very well, until at 151 he got his leg in front.

Things went very well for the Club for a bit after tiffin and the 9th wicket fell at 172, but a fine last wicket stand between Musson, who hit nicely, and Goodall added an invaluable 38 runs. The innings totalled 210.

The Club Start Badly.

The first quarter of an hour was disastrous for the Club as they lost three good wickets for 13 runs. Wyatt, greatly helped by a crumbling pitch, spun the ball very well. He bowled Hayward in his first over, with a shooter, had Quick taken at third man off a ball that popped up quickly and would have been better left alone. Two balls later Sayer mistimed a full-toss and was smartly caught and bowled.

Pearce and Owen Hughes, however, put a much better complexion on things, and batted steadily. The former especially played very sound cricket and at the tea interval the century had been hoisted without further loss. Just after, however, one of Dobbie's bunched and Pearce was easily taken in the box off his glove, for an excellent 48. At least, the catch looked easy but Miles, who previously had stopped some very hard ones close in, only held the ball at the third attempt.

Mitchell and Owen Hughes then put on another forty, and apparently got worried about the time and started to take risks, which neither the situation nor the bowling quite justified. The former was given a hard drive, a hard drive, and two balls later the same bowler dashed down the pitch and just held a return from Bonnar. [Query: does C.R.E. mean Can Run Easily?] Things looked none too well for the Club now, and Owen Hughes hit wildly across one from Wyatt and was bowled. (146-7-62.) Parker and Hancock again pulled the game round and took the score to 180—hitting desperately in the end. However, when Parker was caught at mid-off from Christian it was clear the Club would not win and time arrived just as Bowker was given l.b.w. to the fifth ball. Wales, therefore, did not have to come in. I confess I thought that the ball that got Bowker would have gone well over the wicket.

Commentary.

It was a great pity that there was not more time as it was an excellent game, and although on the score it looks as if the Club were probably saved from defeat by time, it must be remembered that Mitchell, Owen Hughes and I think, Parker rather threw their wickets away trying to get the runs.

Where the Club lost the game was after the fall of the 9th wicket, when Bonnar and Wales were kept on rather too long in my opinion, or perhaps, the former only. He admittedly sent down some quite good stuff, but his weakness seems to be too many fastish straight half-volleys. These, when a bat like Musson is out to make hay while the sun shines, are about the worst thing that can be sent down. Wales bowled excellently for the Club and fully deserved his wickets. Bowker had bad luck in not getting a wicket in his first over, but he seems to have lost his pace off the pitch. Parker was good, but Owen Hughes was a bit erratic and consequently expensive.

Mott, Thorp and Musson were the outstanding Army bats. The former's footwork is excellent but he seems to lack the shots to score off anything but the worst balls. Evers was both lucky and unlucky. I never can understand why he doesn't make more runs for Hong Kong C.C. second!

For the Club Pearce's knock was a beauty. Owen Hughes had a bit of a run, but he played some very good cricket in the first innings.

shots and pulled the game out of the fire for the Club. Wyatt's figures flattered him a little, as he put down one or two shocking ones that went for four byes. Christian and Dobbie both bowled very well without much luck. Mott is fast, but not good on a good wicket I should think. Miles appeared to break a lot but not to be very difficult. I confess I was very surprised to see that Musson only bowled one over and Evers none at all!

In wicket-keeping Quick was quite sound, and Goodall was very good. He had some very bad balls to take and nearly all of the byes were more the bowler's fault than his.

A very pleasant game.

R. ABBIT.

Full score and analysis:—

First Innings Of Army:

Lt.-Col. Christian, b. Wales	4
Capt. Evers, c. Hancock, b. Wales	31
Pte. Mott, c. Sayer, b. Owen Hughes	45
Major Gaye, c. Quick, b. Parker	1
Capt. Thorp, l.b.w., b. Wales	59
Capt. Dobbie, b. Wales	4
Lt.-Col. Wyatt, b. Bonnar	3
Lt. Musson, not out	36
Lt. Gunning, c. Hancock, b. Wales	6
L.-Cpl. Miles, l.b.w., b. Wales	0
Pte. Goodall, b. Wales	8
Extras: Byes 14	14
Total	210

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. C. I. Bowker	8	1	29	0
C. D. Wales	22	4	74	7
H. V. Parker	9	3	17	1
J. L. Bonnar	11	1	45	1
H. Owen Hughes	5	0	31	1

First Innings Of H.K.C.C.

A. W. Hayward, b. Wyatt	1
T. E. Pearce, c. Miles, b. Dobbie	48
Rev. E. K. Quick, c. Evers, b. Wyatt	5
G. R. Sayer, c. and b. Wyatt	0
H. Owen Hughes, b. Wyatt	62
E. J. R. Mitchell, c. and b. Wyatt	0
J. L. Bonnar, c. and b. Wyatt	0
H. V. Parker, c. Dobbie, b. Christian	15
R. Hancock, not out	23
A. C. I. Bowker, l.b.w., b. Christian	0
Extras: Byes 22, leg bye 1	23
Total (for 9 wickets)	186

C. D. Wales did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Dobbie	12	3	21	1
Lt.-Col. Wyatt	15	4	45	6
Lt.-Col. Christian	14	4	52	2
L.-Cpl. Miles	6	1	17	0
Pte. Mott	9	2	22	0
Lt. Musson	1	0	6	0

CRAIGENGOWER MATCH.

MARRIED MEN HUMBLING BY BACHELORS.

An easy victory was gained by the Bachelors of the Craigengower Cricket Club over the married men in a whole day match played yesterday between teams of twelve a side.

The bachelors batted first and severely punished the bowlers running up a total of 216 with two wickets to spare. Two batsmen were unbeaten with scores of 19 and 38, while two others assisted with 39 and 40. Extras amounted to 30. The married men were a tired lot when they went to bat and were quickly dismissed for a total of 59. Teams and scores follow:—

Bachelors.

S. Abbas, l.b.w., b. Oliver	15
H. P. Lim, l.b.w., b. Oliver	10
E. Hanson, b. Bradbury	39
H. D. Rumjahn, b. Oliver	0
A. B. Hanson, b. Omar	10
J. A. Victor, l.b.w., b. Bradbury	1
R. C. Reed, c. Rumjahn, b. Omar	19
E. Zimmern, c. and b. Oliver	40
J. Leonard, not out	38
O. Ismail, b. Bradbury	4
W. B. Muskett, not out	19
Extras	30
Total (for 9 wickets)	216

D. Razack did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Oliver	16	2	61	4
Way	4	0	16	0
Bradbury	13	1	48	3
Omar	11	1	29	2
Kitchell	4	0	24	0
Y. Abbas	2	0	17	0

Married.

U. M. Omar, c. Reed, b. S. Abbas	5
A. Kitchell, b. Hanson	0
W. Way, b. Abbas	2
Y. Abbas, c. Ismail, b. Hanson	0
B. W. Bradbury, c. Leonard, b. Muskett	5
D. Rumjahn, c. Hanson, b. Reed	13
E. Arculli, c. Ismail, b. Rumjahn	19
W. Youngsaye, c. Leonard, b. Rumjahn	10
E. Oliver, l.b.w., b. Reed	0
J. Ribeiro, b. Rumjahn	1
H. Hyndman, st. Zimmern, b. Rumjahn	0
C. S. Rossetti, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	59



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SURGEON AND THEOLOGIAN.

THE DEITY MADE "A SHRIMP."

Leeds, England. Theologians are prone to belittle their God that they have made Him "such a shrimp." Sir Berkeley Moynihan, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, declared in opening a church bazaar here: "The man of science has a God. I think far greater, far bigger than the God that can be contained within the four walls of any creed," Sir Berkeley declared. "I am not quite sure that the fetters which bind us to-day are not the fetters of the doctrines of many of the churches, and I think that where science in the end will come in will be to set Christ free from that cross and undo the chains that fetter Him."

The scientist declared that not only are men and women far too prone to disparage themselves, but they are far too prone to belittle their God. "I believe it is the work of the schools to make sure that their God is something much bigger than seems, nowadays, to be their tendency to teach. My quarrel with theologians—and I am speaking as a man of science—is really a very serious one. You may think there is a great difference between religion and science, and for the last two or three generations there have been published innumerable tracts, religion against science and science against religion. 'This is all utter nonsense. Truth is a great crystal with many facets, and science is one of the facets of that crystal. The quarrel I have with theologians is that they make their God such a shrimp.'"

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. B. Hanson	6	1	11	2
S. Abbas	7	3	10	2
Muskett	4	2	5	1
Razack	2	0	8	0
Reed	3	0	14	2
H. D. Rumjahn	3	1	7	4

AT KOWLOON.

CLUB DE RECREIO DEFEAT 'VARSITY' 2nd XI.

Playing on their own ground at King's Park the Club de Recreio easily defeated their guests, the University 2nd XI, in an all day match.

University opened the batting, but before lunch the whole side had been dismissed for 88 runs. H. E. M. Adams carried his bat through the innings for 41 not out, the top score. The bowling honours were shared by the five Recreio bowlers.

Club de Recreio replied with a big score of 237 runs. H. A. Alves, one of the opening batsmen, made 91 runs in fine style and including 13 fours. Lopes (30) and H. A. Barros (27) were other notable contributors. Incidentally, the Recreio had the game in hand before the third wicket fell.

Recreio sent their guests in again, and at the close of the game at 8 p.m., they had scored 43 runs for 9 wickets. F. Fernando made 32 runs

CHINA'S HEALTH CAMPAIGN.

CANTON TO BE CLEANED UP.

PAMPHLETS SHOWERED FROM THE AIR.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, December 26th.

In compliance with the National Movement for Better Health, Canton is to-day holding a big exhibition in the Y.M.C.A. The exhibition will open at one o'clock sharp and is to last for two days. Health charts, cartoons, pictures, and other exhibits intended to teach health lessons are on display in the gymnasium. The principal rooms are also plastered with slogans of the exhibition. Trained nurses stand behind the display counters explaining to the public the uses of the various articles. Special emphasis has been given to vaccination and anyone can be vaccinated by a competent nurse absolutely free of charge at the Y.M.C.A. The Municipal Government is also urging the benefits of vaccination.

A large, palladium has been erected in front of the Y.M.C.A. in the centre of which are inscribed the four Chinese characters Hong-King Chi Moon, meaning "the door to health." The sign is festooned with electric lights and the whole city is plastered with slogans, cartoons, etc., all about health.

General Chen Ming Shu is to deliver an address in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. on "Citizens and Health." Dr. Hoh Chi Chang, chief of the Bureau of Health, and Dr. Chen Pok So will also speak on "The Work of the Bureau of Health this Year" and "How to Prevent Sickness" respectively. Two addresses of similar nature will be given in Central Park, the speakers being Mr. Wong Kai Ming and Mr. Po Leung To.

"SPRING CLEANING."

The Canton Municipal Bureau of Health has ordered a general cleaning of all the stores, buildings and houses in the city, beginning to-day. The Police have been instructed to see that this order is carried out.

This health and general cleaning campaign is being all over China and the Provincial Government ordered yesterday the Aviation Department to distribute health pamphlets to the people of the Province by means of an aeroplane. The Aviation Department despatched the aeroplane Kwang-chau, which has just returned from its long trip to North China, for the mission. In an interview with the aviator, Chang Tze Suen, our correspondent was told that the Kwang-chau remained in the air for more than four hours and distributed upwards of a hundred thousand handbills and pamphlets on health to the various outlying cities of the Province.

PROTEST AGAINST "BEN HUR."

CANTON KUOMINTANG'S SILLY ACTION.

POPULAR WELCOME TO THE FILM.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 26th.

The Canton Municipal Kuomintang has sent a protest to the Bureau of Education, demanding that it should stop the film of "Ben Hur," now being filmed at the Pearl Theatre. The Municipal Kuomintang argue that the picture "is nothing but Christian propaganda deceiving the people to superstition which must not be tolerated in this present age of revolutionary enlightenment." It states that the whole story is untrue and complains that the cinema houses in the city would do anything to get money. A free translation of the protest to the Bureau of Education is, in part, as follows:

"The picture 'Ben Hur' now being shown at the Pearl Theatre is entirely Christian propaganda, and therefore tends to aid the Imperialists in their literary aggression in China. The whole picture is a travesty of truth and reason. It is absurd and fictitious and can easily lead people to superstition. Such a picture is a big obstacle to social education. You are therefore earnestly requested to examine the matter and put a stop to the showing at once."

ANOTHER VISIT TO NANKING.

MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN'S PLANS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 26th.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin is probably taking another trip to Nanking to participate in the Army Reduction Conference opening on January 1st. The Conference was supposed to open to-day and a preliminary session was held at the capital last Monday. But owing to the absence of the Canton Marshal and other prominent national leaders, it was postponed to January 1st. It is not known when the Marshal will leave Canton but it is expected that he will start in the course of the next few days. In conversation with a high official our correspondent has learned that the Marshal should have gone to Nanking some weeks ago. The reason why he had to delay was because several matters of first importance to the Liang Kwang Provinces required his personal supervision and attention.

Mr. Hsu Chang Ching, a member of the Provincial Government, has been appointed Commissioner of Civil Affairs of Kwangtung by the Canton Political Council. The appointment was the result of the recommendation of General Chen Ming Shu. It will be remembered that Mr. Li Man Fan, a close adherent of Mr. Hu Han Min, was appointed to the post. But he was so busy with his work in Nanking that he could not come to Canton. Mr. Li is at present the chief secretary of the Legislative Yuan, of which Mr. Hu is the chief. No definite date has been set for his induction.

FLOURISHING CEMENT FACTORY.

The Kwangtung Cement Factory, ever since it was turned over to a private firm a few months ago, has been producing daily some sixty tons of good cement. The factory was built thirty years ago by the late-sighted Chang Chi Tung, then Viceroy of Kwangtung, and is situated on the Pearl River in Honan, directly opposite Canton proper. It has eight kilns but only six are in use, the other two being out of order. Its business is so good that the proprietors are thinking of repairing the two kilns so as to increase the output. When the eight kilns are in running order, the daily output of the factory will be in the neighbourhood of 80 tons of cement. It has branches and agencies at present all over the interior of Kwangtung. The factory is managed and capitalized by private individuals but is under Government supervision. Mr. Wong Yuk Shing is the Government representative, and also superintendent of the factory.

THE RICE CROP.

The price of rice in Canton is now declining again, thanks to the big supply from outlying districts. Owing to the long drought in the East River districts and the Southern Region, little or no rice could be gathered from this winter sowing but in other regions of the Province where river water could be had the crop is fairly good. The rice from these places is now gradually being shipped to Canton, thus lowering the prices somewhat. However, the prices are not expected to fluctuate very much for the supply of native rice from these districts is limited.

But in spite of the Municipal Kuomintang the people in Canton, both foreigners and Chinese, welcomed the picture extremely well. The seating capacity has been taxed to its very limit during each performance. In fact several scores of canvass stools had to be put on the aisles to accommodate the incoming throng. Even then many had to stand and were glad to do so. In addition hundreds of people had to be refused tickets. Our correspondent and his family went to see the famous picture yesterday afternoon. They reached the Theatre fully half an hour before the performance started and barely got seats.

It is not known what sort of action the Bureau of Education will take. Should the Bureau comply with the Kuomintang demand, it is feared that other pictures dealing with the Christian story will be banned in Canton, however popular they may have been in the

BANDITS' ROUND SWATOW.

GOOD PROGRESS TOWARDS SUPPRESSION.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

SWATOW.

In upcountry districts bandit suppression has been very systematically carried out by the military, says the Canton Gazette, and only a few isolated areas are still infested by these desperadoes. Even there their position is precarious and that they realize that their time is up. In many instances, whole bands have been wiped out through surprise attacks, in others pitched battles have been fought with disastrous results to the bandits who have fortified themselves in villages while they have resorted to the process of using civilians as a screen. And, of course, they have never hesitated to carry away village elders as hostages until some satisfactory bargain could be struck.

Guerrilla Warfare.

People who are wont to criticize the prevalence of bandits in this province, seldom bear in mind the difficulties the military have to face in the business of suppressing bandits and communist desperadoes. It is a different matter altogether to fighting a foreign enemy but when it comes to eradicating the legal position or otherwise of one's own countryman, the proposition assumes the nature of a problem all its own. The mere fact that bandits often operate in small numbers and are equipped with heavily armed and large bodies of troops to catch them.

General Pershing who showed so much military ability in the Great War, often found himself checked when engaging in guerrilla warfare with the Mexicans under Pancho Villa, and the suppression of bandits must not be confused with ordinary warfare.

Points To Be Studied.

In guerrilla warfare, the following points must be studied:—

- 1.—How mobile is the enemy?
- 2.—If he is at large, does he hold any hostages?
- 3.—If he is ensconced in a village, how best to dislodge him without hurting the villagers.

It is on account of all these difficulties that bandit suppression in this province has seemed to be slow. And the same difficulties, more or less, have been experienced by the military in routing out the communists from up-country districts.

Much Progress Made.

However, during the past three months, much progress has been made. Districts which until three or four months ago were infested have now been completely cleared. The military, with the experience gained from past campaigns, are satisfactorily clearing up the remaining bandit areas and it will not be long before the traveller may go from one end of the province to the other without fear of molestation.

AVIATION IN CANTON.

NEW FLYING GROUND TO BE MADE.

The recent long-distance flight by Canton aviators has aroused great interest. In aviation, Marshal Li Tsai Hsin being reported to be very favourably impressed with the achievement of the local fliers, so much so that he has approved the formation of another aerodrome for Canton. It is felt that a new flying-field is needed to permit the free development of aviation.

A possible location for a flying ground is said to be found at the foot of the Shou Kou hill, in the vicinity of the White Cloud Mountain, where there is ample level ground for this purpose, with plenty of room for expansion in the future. The Canton Gazette says Mr. Ma Yan Wan, of the Aviation Department, has been detailed to make a survey of the ground in this locality and working in conjunction with him are experts from the Bureau of Public Highways.

It has been decided to make the new field approximately 1,000 yards square, the cost of construction being estimated at \$100,000. The exact site of the field has not yet been chosen, but when Mr. Ma completes his survey his report will probably enable a decision on this matter to be arrived at.

More Long Flights.

The Aviation Department are working on plans for another long-distance flight. Particulars of this new venture have not been fully prepared, and for the time being no details of the plans will be released.

The successful completion of General Cheung's flight and the fine progress being made by General Chan Hing Wan in the "Chu Kiang" seaplane have fired airmen

SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON SHAMUIWAN ROAD.

COLLISION BETWEEN CAR AND MOTOR-CYCLE.

TWO CHINESE BADLY HURT.

A serious motor accident took place on Christmas Day at 5 p.m. when a private motor-car driven by Mr. Carl H. Shank, Director of the Hong Kong Excavation and Drilling and Construction Company, Limited, collided with a motor-cycle, a Harley Davidson, driven by a Mr. Tong, who had as a pillion passenger a Mr. Leung. When the Police first saw the wrecked cycle beside a wall on the Shamuiwan-Stanley Road near the junction of the Shek-O Road, bloodstains were found on the wall embankment, and two "Borel" caps, of the type usually worn by motorcyclists were picked up. The victims appeared to have been thrown against the wall.

Later it was ascertained that they had been taken in the car by Mr. Shank to the French Hospital, who subsequently reported the accident to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai.

Mr. Shank appears to have escaped without serious injury, but the two motorcyclists were badly hurt and are still confined in the French Hospital.

An Accident At The Same Spot In 1922.

The collision occurred at the place where there was an accident in 1922 through a party of sailors interfering with the driver of a motor-car, causing it to swerve and run over the embankment. It was because of that accident that the authorities built the protecting wall against which the motorcyclists were thrown. However, had the wall not been there the two young Chinese might very well have been killed.

SIAM ROYAL ELEPHANTS AMOK.

TWO VICIOUS ANIMALS KILLED.

BANGKOK, Dec. 12th.

Bangkok's sensation of the week has been the drowning of one of the Royal elephants, the poisoning of another and, incidentally, the death of one of the keepers of the animals. It seems that on the morning of the 6th instant two of the animals went musth. They broke their hobbles and fought. The victorious one then made off and after careering about for some time, and evidently either frightened or enraged by the shouts of some thousands of spectators, it made for the river. A landing on which it was foolish enough to step collapsed and the poor brute went head downwards into the river with its hind legs still on the wrecked landing. Ropes, to which other elephants and a motor car were attached, were got round it, but the animal was jammed between some piles and after struggling vainly for two or three hours it died.

A Pound Of Strychnine.

Elephant No. 2 was kept from straying away from the big stable in which the King's elephants are kept, and on Saturday morning its head keeper was trying to pacify him with blows from its trunk. It was then regarded as too dangerous to approach and was given about a pound of strychnine encased within a stick of sugar-cane. This settled its business within a few minutes, and I hear that its contortions and screams after it had taken the poison were terrible to witness. It may be mentioned that these elephants are popular with most visitors to Bangkok, who are usually told by the guides that they are the White Elephants for which this land is famed. They are nothing of the sort, but are just big tusked which are used in certain processions. Both those killed had huge tusks and were of decidedly uncertain temper, so that perhaps they are safer out of the way, although one could have wished them less painful deaths.—Straits Times.

all over China to tackle long-distance flights, and it is freely rumoured that several trips are under consideration in different quarters. Rumours are somewhat difficult to confirm, but from a reliable source of information it is learned that three flights are definitely being considered. One is a non-stop flight from Canton to Mukden, requiring from eighteen to twenty hours flying, the second is a flight to the Straits Settlements, stopping at points en route, while the third is a journey over the China Sea to Manila.

The last-mentioned trip will probably be the most risky of all since it will be over the open sea, and this particular tract of the Pacific Ocean is well-known for the frequent incidence of boisterous weather. However, with the assistance of the weather bureau along the coast and in the Philippines the hazard of encountering bad weather

HOW IT IS DONE!

PICKPOCKET SEEN IN ACTION.

A Chinese was before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday morning on a charge of stealing a foot rule from the pocket of another Chinese near Public Square Street, Yaumati, on Christmas Day. A Chinese District Watchman who made the arrest informed the Magistrate that he noticed that the defendant seemed to be "over interested" in the contents of the pockets of a number of Chinese who were listening to a fortune teller. The defendant pushed himself against the complainant and using his right arm ostensibly to make more room, he extracted the rule from the complainant's pocket with his left hand. The defendant moved off, and the witness arrested him.

The defendant said that he found the rule on the ground.

A sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

Begging.

An elderly and disreputable-looking Chinese was also charged with begging in Argyle Street on Christmas Day. It was stated that the defendant had been sent away from the Colony three weeks ago. The defendant was fined \$5 with the alternative of seven days' hard labour.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S PRESTIGE.

THE COMING STRUGGLE.

Shanghai, Dec. 19th (U.P.)—Without a doubt Marshal Chiang Kai Shek is the outstanding figure in China to-day, and enjoys a greater measure of esteem than any other Chinese, yet it is also acknowledged that Marshal Chiang, in his role of President of the State Council and head of the Government, will in the near future be called upon to utilize his personal influence and power to the full if the proper course of government is to be followed.

As head of the new Government, backed by a political system which probably will be followed in every respect, he attracts to himself all the responsibility and authority which the subsidiary organs are able to render. Abroad, President Chiang's prestige is perhaps even higher.

Promise Not Yet Fulfilled.

As to the political heritage of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, his appointment to the executive position in the National Government gave promise that China was at last emerging from a state of political anarchy under a form of government which endeavoured sincerely to remedy the evils of maladministration and national chaos, and enable an unobstructed development of the system or rule so ably demonstrated in the family and village administrations which have successfully stood the test of centuries.

Of course, this hope was focussed on an optimistic background of a satisfactory readjustment of foreign relations, as outlined by those members of the Government who derived their ideas and training from the West. The last few months have not produced anything concrete to convince the observer that these hopes will shortly be realized.

The reason is not hard to find. The transitional period between the period of military conquest and the period of sane reconstruction has been a sort of interregnum during which leaders have been finding their feet, and forces and influences have been seeking their proper balance.

Critical Congress In March.

The next few months, and especially the weeks leading up to the National Kuomintang Congress to be held next March, will constitute a critical period. Not only will it affect the new Administration, but it will also involve President Chiang, for, no matter how opposition groups may deride his authority, the foreign Powers, who are now embarked on a series of readjustments of their relations with China, must look to him for a personal demonstration of the fact that in any action they may take on Nanking's promise their confidence and trust will not be misplaced.

In this respect it is no use hiding the facts. China is striving for tariff autonomy, and several nations have already expressed recognition of the principle. This recognition, of course, is based on the hope and promise that akin and other forms of illegal taxation will be abolished when the new tariff is introduced. In the wider field of extra-territorial relations, Belgium and Italy have agreed, subject to certain provisions, to relinquish consular jurisdiction in China, and the Norwegian Treaty hints at it. Other Powers will undoubtedly follow, although their action will be taken conditional upon the "most favoured nation" clause to furnish a guarantee that there will be no

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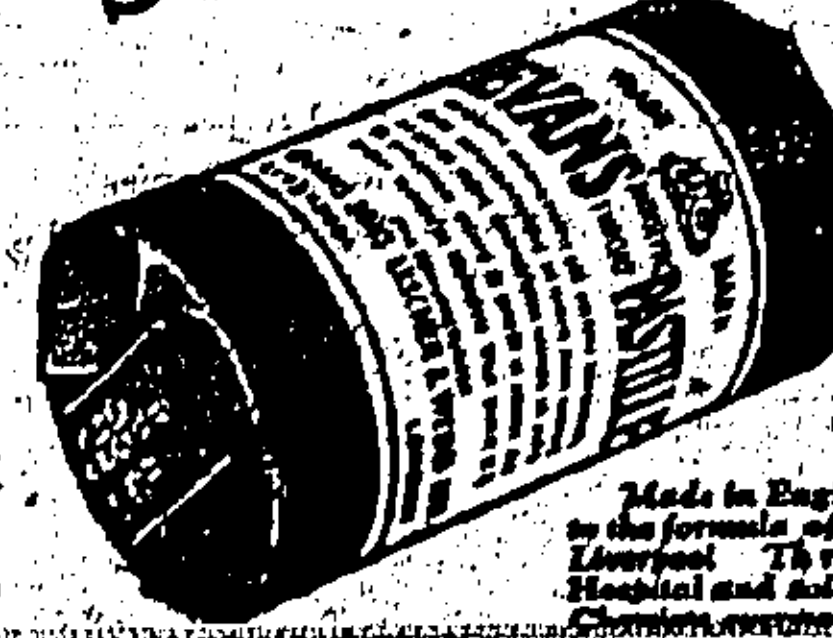
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The Annual Crown Rent payable in respect of the above Properties is \$416.00.

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The Property forming the Garden, Tennis Court and Garage is situated on a Piece or Parcel of Ground adjoining at Victoria aforesaid and registered in the Land Office as Section A of INLAND LOT No. 2252.

The Annual Crown Rent payable on the above Two Properties is \$170.00 and the total Area is 24,582 Square Feet or thereabouts.

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BIRTH.
HANSEN.—At No. 7, Kitano-cho, 3-chome, Kobe, on December 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. HARALD HANSEN—a son.

MARRIAGE.
RIEHELMANN—OLESEN.—At Singapore on December 8th, LOUISE MARIE OLESEN (of Kobe) to Mr. RIEHELMANN, of the Netherlands Trading Society.

DEATH.
BRENT.—At Uchida, near Kobe, on Sunday, December 9th, WALTER BRENT, in his 66th year.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 27th, 1928.

BOLSHEVIK HUMOUR.

So accustomed are we to associate Russia with wretchedness and misery that it is well to remember that even Bolsheviki have a keen sense of humour. There is a strong tone of pessimism in most Russian literature, just as there are many charming Russian melodies set in a minor key, but it is nevertheless not making a speech.

as much as anyone, and moreover can appreciate a joke at his own expense. Some very interesting news in this connection comes from the Moscow correspondent of the United Press, who tells us that there are half a dozen comic weekly publications doing a thriving business in the Soviet Union, swinging hilariously at sham and dishonesty among officials and people generally. Satirical plays are on the boards, often with current events as a basis, and clowns in music-halls and circuses are constantly making important people targets for their witty darts.

Jokes have a way of spreading in Russia with extreme speed, especially when they are of the unpublisable kind. In the published humour, the Russians do not hesitate to make fun of themselves and their institutions. The Soviet official travelling abroad is a special mark for humorous talent. A recent cartoon showed two Soviet officials on a wagon-lit. One of them is tearing off his collar. "Comrade," he says to his companion, "let's take out collars off. We're coming to the Soviet frontier."

Another such official is shown in Paris, where the automobile traffic is thickest. Beside him is an over-stuffed wife. "Darling," he says sagely, "there must be an awful lot of Commissars in this city—look how many Rolls-Royces there are!"

A satirical review just produced in Moscow likewise concentrates its humour on the travelling official. Two of them are shown in a series of scenes. In Warsaw they are still wearing their Russian peasant clothes; in Berlin they have found their way into ill-fitting European suits; and by the time they reach Paris they are in swallow-tails and high hats. An anecdote has been going the rounds recently that makes a hit at the notorious Russian inefficiency. Two red directors of factories meet. "My factory," one of them boasts, "has met the great demand for its product. It is producing more than the plans call for."

"What do you manufacture?" inquires the other. "Oh, just placards reading, 'This lift doesn't work!'"

The Russians also like to tell a joke on themselves in connection with their incapacity for keeping appointments. They recount that a foreigner claimed he knew Russian. Asked for the meaning of "sai-chas" (literally, immediately), he answered:—"That means to-morrow." Asked for the meaning of "zafta utrom" (literally, to-morrow morning) he answered:—"That means never!"

A campaign is under way in Russia for raising the cultural level of the masses. One of the comic papers shows a member of the Cultural Committee at home. He is struggling to put on a clean collar. "You! Putting on a collar!" his wife exclaims, in astonishment. "Yes, I am," he replies, "and what's more, I'll not take it off again until this campaign is over!"

Another drawing on the same theme represents a worthy citizen vigorously showing a huge tooth-brush into his mouth. "I've fought for the Revolution," he says, "and made all sorts of sacrifices. But this—is too much!" Sly digs at Soviet leaders are always in place. The Commissar of Education, ANATOL LUNACHARSKY, is frequently joked at. His wife, it happens, has a penchant for dressing well and a figure that shows it off to advantage. Cruel jokes are frequently directed at her "bourgeois" clothes.

A current drawing shows LUNACHARSKY on the screen in a news-reel. "At last," the caption declares, "he appears in public without making a speech."

News and Views.

St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club is holding a dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant from 8 p.m. to midnight—tomorrow (Friday) night.

General Chan Ming Shu, Chairman of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, is giving a banquet in Canton for foreign guests on New Year's Day.

According to a report of the Kwangai Provincial Reconstruction Department, twenty-five public highways, covering a total mileage of 5,127 1/2 (1,710 miles) are now open to traffic.

Eight Cantonese gunboats were recently despatched to suppress the bandits at Kaolan, in the Sunwui district. So far, four chiefs of the bandits have been captured and a quantity of arms.

The Ryan plane *Kwang Chau*, left Canton early Tuesday morning on a flight to Kongmoon, Sunwui, and distributed pamphlets from the air on the subject of aviation and the importance of its development in China.

Farmers in Dormansland, Surrey, are wondering if there is anything in the air that affects their pets. Four complete and separate yolks were found in an egg laid by a chicken at Upper Stonehurst Farm here recently. In the same week an egg without a yolk was laid by another chicken.

Nearly one-sixth of the total population of Americans in Shanghai gathered at the Community Church last week and knelt as an American pastor prayed for the recovery and restoration to health of King George. The prayer was led by the Rev. E. W. Luccock. After the brief, simple service, which greatly impressed and stirred the British population, the British national anthem was sung.

The four Singapore flying boats took off from Tachin Bangkok for Singapore at 8.15 on the 11th inst. and before they left, Group Commander Cave-Brown-Cave expressed the hearty thanks of the flight for the hospitality they had received from the Siamese Government and individuals and from the entire British community. As one of the flight put it, "They couldn't have used us better if we were their millionaire uncle."

What might have been a serious mishap to the train going to Fanning on Christmas morning, with a large number of golfers on board, was averted by the quickness of the driver. The train left Kowloon at 9.05 a.m. and when nearing Sheung Shui, a number of large stones were on the line. The driver at once pulled up, and two Chinese in the vicinity were then observed to be running away. Chase was given and the two men were caught. It is understood that they will be charged.

A love affair between a pretty Eurasian girl and a Chinese youth ended in tragedy when two bodies hurtled from the roof of the Customs building in Shanghai to the street, nine stories below. Both the girl and youth were dead when picked up. The girl, Miss Lila Wen, loved Li Wen Pao, 19 years old. Relatives of both refused them permission to marry on the ground that they were closely related. Inconsolable, both mounted to the roof of the Customs building, and clasped in each other's arms they leaped to their death.

In view of the fact that many patients are arriving in Canton from Hong Kong for medical treatment, Dr. Ho Chi Cheung, head of the Bureau of Public Health, recently introduced restrictions upon the coming of such patients so as to prevent communicable diseases being brought to Canton. The Hong Kong Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Tung Wah Hospital have repeatedly approached Dr. Ho for the rescission of these restrictions, but the head of the Public Health Bureau has not felt constrained to accede to such requests. As a matter of fact, says the *Canton Gazette*, Dr. Ho has caused special vigilance to be maintained upon incoming travellers by the Canton-Kowloon Railway and has detailed inspectors to the railway terminal at Canton to see that all persons affected by infectious diseases are sent back whence they came. Inspectors are also to keep watch upon waterborne passengers, the same procedure to be enforced when discovery is made of diseased people attempting to land.

Holiday Weather.

During the Christmas holidays glorious weather was enjoyed in Hong Kong. Tuesday was a particularly fine day, and most residents took advantage of the opportunity of getting a place in the sun without the danger and discomfort of having too much sunshine. There were many walking parties out both on the island and on Kowloon side, and there was even sea-bathing on a beach near Castle Peak. The warm sunshine was tempered by a cool breeze, and there was a cloudless sky almost all day. Wednesday was not quite so warm as the previous day, and the wind was both stronger and colder, but the weather was ideal for outdoor exercise and for motoring. On both days there were many people out in cars and on motor-cycles, while those who went sailing also enjoyed most favourable conditions. Altogether, the weather during the holidays was ideal, bracing and exhilarating after a somewhat sultry Christmas Eve.

Shanghai Tragi-Comedy.

A little more than two years ago a small island suddenly appeared in the Whampoo river, near the Garden Bend of the Shanghai Bund. Wang Chi Ho, a sampan coolie, promptly claimed the little island, some 10 by 14 feet. Wang built a small house on the island and into it moved Mrs. Wang and five little Wangs. Settlement police protested, but Wang held that the Chinese Government owned the river. He refused to be ousted. Wang was ousted last week, but not by the Settlement authorities. Wang's little island suddenly disappeared and the rude house floated downstream with Mrs. Wang and the five young Wangs yelling for help. Wang, aided by other sampans, rescued all six, and is now looking for a new island.

Brighter Bibles.

Brighter Bibles is the plea of the Bishop of Southwark, Dr. Cyril Carbett. The Bishop believes that more people would read the Bible if it were made more outwardly attractive. Writing in the *Southwark Diocesan Gazette* on the present day neglect of the Bible, Dr. Carbett asks, "Why Bibles are so often not only poorly printed, but bound in 'mournful black,' and contained in expensive and unattractive covers. Why is it necessary that almost always black should be regarded as suitable for a volume which contains good tidings. To the man who has already learned to love his Bible this will seem an absurdly small matter; but I am sure that unattractive and inartistic binding and type are discouraging to many."

PRETTY CHINESE WEDDING.

PHOON-NG.

A very pretty Chinese wedding took place yesterday at St. John's Cathedral between Mr. S. Q. Phoon, of Hong Kong University, and Miss Lucy K. S. Ng, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ng Tin Sang. The bridegroom, Mr. S. Q. Phoon, is the son of the late Mr. Phoon and Mrs. Phoon. Mr. Phoon was married on Saturday last.

The Dean of St. John's Cathedral (the Very Rev. A. Swann) officiated.

The bride wore a very lovely dress of white satin embroidered with pearls, a pearl head-dress and tulle veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

Dean Proposes Young Couple's Health.

The Dean in proposing the health of the bride and bridegroom said how very pleased they were to welcome Chinese people to the Cathedral. Personally he was very grateful for the honour of an invitation to this wedding and it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose this toast. He always enjoyed Chinese weddings. In the first place he had the greatest admiration for the decorous manner in which the whole function was conducted, and secondly the beauty of the Chinese dresses made him very much envy those who were able to wear them.

The bridegroom, he understood, was studying for the very noble profession of medicine. As one who had, many years ago, followed the same study for the short time, he knew what it meant. He was sure that the bridegroom's charming wife would be of the very greatest help to him in his work. The Dean then asked the company to drink to the health of the bride and bridegroom.

The bridegroom suitably responded and thanked the Dean for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the guests for their presence.

A very well attended reception was afterwards held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.40 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone covering N.E. China is stationary. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.
Local Forecast:—N.E. wind, fresh fair.

YESTERDAY'S FUNERAL.

THE LATE MR. W. H. EDLEY.

STEAMBOAT COMPANY'S POPULAR WHARFINGER.

The sad news was received yesterday morning of the death of Mr. W. H. Edley, at the French Hospital at seven o'clock. The late Mr. Edley, who had been in the Colony for 25 years, was a very popular figure at the Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's wharf at Connaught Road. His many friends will bear with the deepest regret of his death.

The late Mr. Edley was a Canadian, and after spending his early years at sea, he came to Hong Kong 25 years ago. He was appointed Chief Wharfinger by the Steamboat Company, which post he held until his death. During his twenty-five years service, Mr. Edley never took a holiday, except occasional week-end excursions to adjacent ports. He was ill with pleurisy some months ago, and only recently he took a holiday to Canada to recuperate. On his return to the Colony, about four weeks ago, he again developed lung trouble and went to hospital.

A popular man and always ready to help those in distress, Mr. Edley had a host of friends both among Chinese and Europeans. Chinese boatmen and women will remember Mr. Edley with gratitude for his assistance during the typhoon season. On several occasions he risked his life while helping boat people who were in trouble in the harbour during typhoons.

Mr. Edley was 53 years of age, and leaves a wife and son for whom the deepest sympathy is extended. The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Father Terrud conducting the service. Among those present were: Messrs. John Arnold, T. Arnold, C. J. Clarke, W. Ward, C. F. Pragnell, A. Place, R. M. de Souza, A. J. Aggabeg, P. Lanigan, W. Fearon, R. H. Stewart, S. Shannon, W. Lane, Lo Ki Hong, Jata Singh. A large number of Chinese connected with the various wharves on the waterfront also attended.

The chief mourner was the deceased's son, Victor. Among the wreaths was one from Victor, other senders being: Messrs. John Arnold, T. Arnold, C. E. Ellams, W. Ward, J. Lowe, F. Pragnell, A. J. Aggabeg, J. H. Wicheil, Andrew Harper, W. Fearon, G. H. Y. Chue, Sanighton, R. C. Wilson, R. A. Cooper, Capt. B. R. Branch, Rev. Father Murray.

Capt. and Mrs. Mitchell, Capt. and Mrs. Madden, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Clarke, R. Shannon, F. Thomas, J. W. Beattie, Cheng, and Quinn.

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ARMED ROBBERY AT WEST POINT.

ROBBERS WITH "DUMMY REVOLVERS."

Last night at about 8 p.m. three men gained admittance to a Sook Cloth Shop at No. 56, Chai Mei Alley, West Point, by the usual pretence of looking for a friend. As soon as the door was opened the robbers who were armed with "dummy" revolvers and daggers, held up the inmates, and after ransacking the premises, made off with money and property to the value of \$50. It was not until the robbers were bound and gagged, that they realized that the "revolvers" which two of the robbers held were "dummies." However, they were helpless and could only look while the men searched their belongings. After the robbers had decamped they managed to draw the attention of the people living on the floor above, and get freed.

A report was made immediately to the Saiyungpui Police Station and the Emergency Squad from the Central Police Station was rushed to the scene. The details of the robbery were circulated to the various police stations with descriptions of the robbers. The serious crime signal was hoisted at the Water Police Station, at Tim Tai Tui, and a strict lookout was made at all the wharves on the waterfront.

The residents of Chai Mei Alley are nearly all well to do, and it is presumed by the Police that the robbers mistook the number of the house, raised as the victims in this case are of the working class.

CIVIL WAR IN SZECHUAN.

ALLEGATIONS BY RIVAL GENERALS.

STRUGGLE FOR TAX REVENUE.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 25th.

The foreign consular authorities at Chungking were visited yesterday by spokesmen of the rival military leaders in Szechuan, each defending their own cause in the present civil war. General Lai Hsin Fei's spokesman said that Liu Sheng was "counter-revolutionary" and that General Lai's attacks on him were made entirely in support of the revolutionary cause of the Kuomintang and the Nanking Government.

On the other hand General Liu Sheng's spokesman declared that Lai Hsin Fei was really a "Red" leader while Yang Sen, the supporter of Liu Sheng, was one of the "Northern Militarists." General Lai had received orders from the Nanking Government to raise a punitive expedition against them.

According to opinion in independent circles, the civil war is really the culmination of a hard struggle between Generals Liu Sheng and Lai Hsin Fei for the control of the administration of the salt revenue and the tobacco tax.

Information from the British Legation at Peking states that General Liu Sheng left Chungking on a foreign steamer sailing down the lower Yangtze on Monday night. The fall of Chungking was imminent.

CHINA'S STATUS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 25th.

After his arrival at Peking the Dutch Minister said in a statement to Chinese Pressmen that he considered the Nanking Government had achieved a great success in improving China's international standing as a result of the conclusion of a number of tariff agreements with foreign Powers.

FRENCH COMMERCIAL TREATY.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 25th.

Before his departure from Nanking for the North the French Minister said that he would come to Nanking again next year for the purpose of holding negotiations with the Nanking Government on a Sino-French Commercial Treaty.

REPAIR OF RAILWAYS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 25th.

At the meeting of the Executive Yuan Marshal Chiang Kai Shek proposed a scheme for repairing the railway lines in Kiangsu, Chekiang, Anhui, Kiangsi and Fukien. It was decided by a majority of the members to refer the scheme to the Railway Department.

CHINESE GUNBOAT SALUTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 25th.

A naval wireless message from Nanking states that on Christmas Day the Chinese gunboat *Cho Yu* hoisted the flag of the Rear Admiral. The French despatch vessel *Marine* saluted the Chinese flag with 21 guns, the *Cho Yu* returning the salute. The *Marine* then saluted the French Minister, who left for Peking.

SERIOUS RIOTING IN THE ARGENTINE.

FIVE DEMONSTRATORS KILLED.

OUTBREAK QUELLED BY CAVALRY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SAN JUAN, Dec. 24th.

A split in the Argentine Radical Party between followers of President Irigoyen and the so-called "Conservationists," has resulted in rioting.

Shooting accompanied the riots, and five demonstrators were killed, whilst several were wounded.

Cavalry were called out to cope with the outbreak, and they succeeded in dislodging the rioters from the railway station, which was the centre of the disturbance.

Order was quickly restored by the mounted forces.

RECONCILIATION WITH TROTSKY?

TRANSFERRED TO SOUTH RUSSIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 24th.

A message from Moscow states that M. Stalin has allowed Trotsky to be sent to South Russia to recover from malaria.

This is interpreted in Russian Communist circles here, to be an attempt at a reconciliation with Trotsky, who hitherto has rejected all overtures.

COLLAPSE OF HUGE HANGAR.

SEVEN WORKMEN DEAD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SAUMUR, Dec. 25th.

Seven workmen have been killed and three seriously injured in the collapse of a huge reinforced concrete hangar, 4,300 yards square.

FENG YU HSIANG'S MISTAKE.

CONSIDERS CHINESE TOO IMPATIENT.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22nd.

One outstanding mistake was made by General Feng Yu Hsiang, the former "Christian" general, when he recently severely criticized his staff for asserted laziness, greed, indifferent work and lack of patience. The General declared that the Chinese people are too impatient.

In that one statement, at least, the general erred. To accuse the Chinese, a nation of hardy, patient plodders, of lacking patience is absurd because the masses are the most patient people in the world. It does not need much observation to perceive this.

As a common example, ricksha coolies, after they have hauled a passenger to his destination, been paid and discharged, patiently wait for hours in the hope that the passenger will emerge and again engage their ricksha.

The Chinese so continues to manifest the same degree of interest and attention in a project long after the white man has dropped it, impatient at a task or process which extends over a period of time inconsistent with his nature. The Chinese have been held up as a synonym for patience, so much so that the criticism is levelled against them that it is un-inspired and cramps their imagination.

General Feng went on to refer to the fact that in government and private affairs their patience is so extensive that Chinese management is almost perfect at the beginning, but as time goes by it changes from bad to worse. This he attributes to lack of patience. If anything at all, it is due to that excessive patience which General Feng demands, the patience which kills inspiration and makes things a matter of routine rather than a continual search for the higher, the better and most progressive. That is why the Nationalist revolution was one of the greatest blows to this Chinese attribute of patience, because it relit the fire of inspiration, and caused the patient to be impatient with their lot—which is the way of real progress.—United Press.

PRINCE OF WALES' APPEAL.

AID FOR DISTRESSED MINERS.

GENEROUS AND SWIFT RESPONSE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 25th.

An earnest appeal on behalf of the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of distress in the mining areas was broadcast by the Prince of Wales from London this evening.

He emphasised that not only were a quarter of a million miners destitute, but three times as many women and children were dependent on them. The greatest service anyone could render at present was to find employment for as many of these men as possible. The Prince also urged the need of the women and children for proper food and adequate clothing. No Christmas gathering to which he was speaking should break up without an effort to muster some concrete help for the fund.

In response to the Prince of Wales' broadcast appeal, Lady Houston has given £30,000 and Lord Rothermere £25,000. These sums have been handed to the Lord Mayor's fund, and the Government will give an equivalent sum in accordance with Mr. Baldwin's recent statement.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 25th.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has passed a good night. The inflammation continues to diminish and he is now suffering little pain.

A later message states that the improvement continues, and the pain is only rare.

STOCKHOLM HOTEL BURNED DOWN.

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 25th.

Five women and a child have been burned to death in a fire which has destroyed the Hotel Tidaholm here.

OBITUARY.

SIR W. THISELTON DYER.

PIONEER OF RUBBER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 25th.

The death is announced of Sir William Thyselton Dyer, the famous research worker who laid the foundation of the rubber industry in the East Indies by sending to Singapore the seeds, germinated at Kew.

His experiments in introducing the East Indies banana strain into the West Indies had also far-reaching effects.

[Sir W. Thyselton-Dyer, who was born in 1843, was Botanical Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1902 to 1906 and Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew (London) from 1895 till 1905.]

LORD LAMBOURNE.

The death is announced at the age of 81 of Lord Lambourne, the Lord Lieutenant of Essex and for many prominently connected with the Royal Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He leaves no heir.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE.

REUNION OF ROYAL FAMILY.

KING'S IMPROVED CONDITION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 25th.

Like thousands of other families through England, the Royal Family spent a quiet and happy Christmas together. The Queen and all her five children attended service in the Palace chapel in the morning.

The great occasion was the family reunion at the Christmas dinner table, at which Sir Stanley Hewett, who has practically lived at the Palace since the King's illness, was a guest.

During the day the Queen and her sons and daughter paid brief visits to the sick room to see the King. The holiday as observed in the Palace was very quiet, but happiness and relief prevailed, due to the improvement in the King's condition.

It is authoritatively learned this morning that there was a slight improvement in the condition of the King, who is continuing to make the very slow progress reported by the doctors in the past few days.

No Change.

No bulletin regarding the King's health was issued this morning, but *Reuter* learned on high authority that there was no change in His Majesty's condition.

The following bulletin was posted outside Buckingham Palace at 8.15 o'clock on Tuesday evening.

"The King has passed a quiet day. The local condition is improving and the strength is maintained. The next bulletin will be issued to-morrow evening."

Signed Stanley Hewett, Hugh Digby, Dawson of Penn.

The most reassuring feature of the bulletin is that the King is maintaining his strength. This is one of the essentials to progress and may be taken as an indication that the King's condition is satisfactory. The extreme slowness of the progress still continues and a rapid stride forward is not, therefore, to be expected.

Slow Progress.

LONDON, December 24th.

To-day's bulletin, stating that His Majesty has spent a quiet night and that his local condition continues to show progress, whilst satisfactory, is regarded as a further indication of the very slow and tedious nature of the progress which the King is making.

The improvement in the local condition is so slight that it is often impossible for the doctors to detect any change in the interval between the bulletins.

The cumulative effect, however, of a number of small steps forward makes it possible to say that His Majesty is definitely in a much better position than he was a week ago.

Nothing has occurred to check the course of progress so far, and accordingly, the doctors are satisfied, whilst there was a distinct air of hopefulness among the Royal Household officials this morning.

Less Anxiety.

The relaxation of anxiety concerning His Majesty is indicated by the fact that the Prince of Wales has gone to his farm near Nottingham and that he went out with the Queen Hounds in the morning.

A bulletin, issued at 8.30 on Monday evening, states that the very slow progress in His Majesty's local and general condition continues.

This bulletin is regarded as distinctly favourable. It is the first for some little time to note any definite improvement in the King's condition.

For the first time since it was decided to employ light ray treatment, Mrs. Howitt and Woods did not call at the Palace to-night. This does not mean that Ray Therapy treatment is to be discontinued, but merely that it has been interrupted for the time being.

The Pope's Tribute.

Addressing the Cardinals who have come to the Vatican to present Christmas greetings, His Holiness the Pope rejoiced in the improvement of the King's condition.

He said: "We have trembled and prayed for the life of the Sovereign who so graciously came to visit us here, whose Empire is the largest in the world, and where so many millions of Catholics live and prosper. We have trembled and prayed for the life of this Sovereign, who has always showed himself so well-disposed and benevolent towards all these Catholics."

"Now, Divine Providence seems to confirm us in our hope for the King's early return to perfect health."

DOMINION STATUS FOR INDIA.

LEADING MUSLIM'S PLEA.

MERITS OF BRITISH RULE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, December 26th.

The Maharaja of Mahmudabad, President of the All-India Muslim League, opening the session of the League, gave a lead in favour of dominion status for India as an alternative to complete independence. He declared that the British connection gave undeniable security, and was a valuable asset to Indian nationalism, which must face laborious decades before reaching sturdy manhood. Moreover, the Nehru report guaranteed all the requisites of political freedom which could be conferred by independence.

He urged Muslims to be broad-minded and appoint delegates to participate in the proceedings of all parties at the convention. He also advised them to accept the Nehru report with modifications.

POPULAR RIGHTS IN CHINA.

WHERE THE CONSTITUTION FAILS.

Peking, December 15th (U.P.).

The organic law of China, which will probably be the only Constitution the country will have for several years, is so dangerously intricate that it may break down altogether if there is any disunity in the group which controls the Kuomintang Government, in the opinion of Dr. E. S. Corwin, Professor of Politics at Princeton University, who has closely followed the gradual evolution of the Government at Nanking with the appreciation of an expert in Government.

Dr. Corwin is spending a few months in Peking as Exchange Professor at Yenching University, and has welcomed the opportunity to see a Government in the making, which means more to him than to most persons, because of his intimate acquaintance with the history of governments. He is successor to the late Woodrow Wilson at Princeton.

Suspicious Friends.

The organic law of China reminds one of the sayings credited to Boss Tweed, of Tammany Hall. Dr. Corwin declares: "What is a Constitution between friends? It is very much of a Constitution between friends, and moreover, between friends who are mutually suspicious. This suspicion has caused the framers of the organic law to design an intricate machinery for getting anything done which may collapse altogether under any severe strain—making it impossible to do anything."

The organic law's chief merit, in Dr. Corwin's opinion, is that it does substitute an institution—a Government—for individual autocracy. While it merely regularizes the autocratic control of the Kuomintang, it divides power so thoroughly among various groups and individuals that there must be a large measure of agreement on any subject if anything is to be done at all under the organic law.

Its chief defect, aside from its intricacy, he believes, is that it contains no "bill of rights" whatever for the Chinese people. This omission is all the more striking, he points out, because some clause referring to the rights of the people is included in every Constitution under which the people are supposed to have any rights. But the people are entirely ignored in the organic law promulgated in China.

The Five Board System.

To demonstrate the intricacy of China's new governmental machinery, Dr. Corwin says it is only necessary to explain how a law can be passed at Nanking. In the first place, it must be initiated in the Executive Yuan (or Board), and then submitted to the Legislative Yuan for approval. Having passed this hurdle, it must be signed by the Chairman of the National Government and also by the heads of the Five Yuan. While it is not clear whether all these individuals have discretionary powers, Dr. Corwin interprets the law to mean that they have—and that the opposition of anyone of these groups or individuals to the Executive and Legislative Boards, the Chairman of the Government, or the heads of the five Boards, as well as the State Council—means the law cannot be passed.

It is obvious, Dr. Corwin points out, that a very large degree of unity must obtain in Nanking, and anything at all is to be done—and if there should be any considerable division in the Government, he foresees the possibility of all legal action being rendered impossible.

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AMERICAN EXPERTS ON REPARATIONS.

BRITISH REQUEST FOR CO-OPERATION.

DISCUSSION OF GERMAN PAYMENTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24th.

The United States Government has assented to the appointment of American experts to serve on the Committee which is to deal with German reparations.

Assent is given on the understanding that the American representatives will be chosen and appointed by the Allied and German Governments.

This news was contained in a statement issued by Mr. F. B. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, after a long interview with President Coolidge.

Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, called on Mr. Kellogg in the morning and informed him, in the name of the six Governments interested in the reparations problem, that they wished to enquire whether the United States Government would agree to American experts participating in the work of the Committee, and, if so, whether the United States Government would be ready to propose the names of such experts.

Sir Esme Howard explained that if the United States Government agreed to this, the experts proposed would be appointed jointly by the Reparations Commission and the German Government, but if the United States preferred to leave the choice of the American experts to the six Powers, the latter would agree on the names of the experts to be invited, who would then be appointed jointly by the Commission and the German Government.

BRITAIN'S WOMEN M.P.'S. YOUNG LOOKING BUT MATURE IN YEARS.

LONDON, Nov. 27th.

Feminine members of Parliament share one thing with their sisters in other walks of life: they do not confide their age to every chance acquaintance.

The secret of the age of the various women who sit in the House of Commons has been guarded with perhaps unusual care. The recent decision of Mrs. Hilton Philipson to resign her seat, so that she might tend to her family duties more fully raised the whole question so that the press was able to get data which once and for all disposed of the "Flapper" representative idea.

Mrs. Philipson is forty-one, just four years older than Miss Ellen Wilkinson who, though often called "wee Ellen," was actually earning her living at a full time job before the war.

Miss Margaret Bondfield is fifty-five and Miss Susan Lawrence, the third unmarried woman member is fifty-seven. Miss Lawrence has recently taken to shingling her hair and wearing fashionable frocks which cause the casual observer to think her nearer forty.

Although the married women have managed to keep the secret of their ages more successfully, there are one or two known landmarks which show that they must all be about fifty or perhaps more.

Lady Astor, the American-born member, looks easily the youngest of them all. She will be fifty next year. The Duchess of Athol will, it is learned, be fifty-four on her next birthday.

The fact that the Countess of Iveagh has been married twenty-five years while Mrs. Runciman has been married thirty gives the calculator a clue on which to base his estimates.

These last-named two appear to have kept their secret most effectively.

Perpetuating Censorship.

Some Chinese leaders have felt that the new organic law shows striking originality, but Dr. Corwin, with his historical background, finds little basis for this belief. He discussed, as an example, the fifth Yuan, the Control or Censorship Board. This is cited as an attempt to perpetuate the ancient Board of Censors which played a prominent part under the Imperial Government of China. Dr. Corwin is not impressed by this. He agrees that some censors in the past, being great and fearless men, played a prominent part in Chinese affairs. But a Censorship Board such as that set up at Nanking has been proved a failure in the past. It is not new or limited to China. Two American States—Pennsylvania and Vermont—provided for Censorship Boards in their original state Constitutions, but very soon eliminated them as futile.

KABUL RESIDENTS EVACUATED.

SECOND PARTY BROUGHT BY PLANE.

FRENCH AND GERMAN FAMILIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PESHAWAR, Dec. 26th.

R.A.F. planes have landed safely at Peshawar a second party from Kabul, consisting of members of twenty families, including the nieces of the French Minister and relatives of French and German professors and engineers.

Support For Government. The Afghan Legation in London received a telegram from Kabul this morning stating that the Khugavri tribesmen in the eastern province of Jalalabad have submitted to the Government.

Another tribe has also come to the assistance of the Government, which is now receiving help from levies, volunteers and forces from all over the country.

Consequently, it is believed that the Government has the situation well in hand.

POLITICS IN THE MOUNTAINS.

LIVELY MANILA CONTROVERSY.

Manila, Dec. 22nd (U.P.).

Plans for moving the Philippine Legislature out of Manila and up to the unofficial "mountain capital" of Baguio for its special winter session are receiving some solid whacks from the good right arms of the local newspapers.

Governor-General H. L. Stimson, who since his arrival in the Philippines has put in a considerable proportion of his time in Baguio or travelling elsewhere out of hot and unexciting Manila, has not taken responsibility for originating the Baguio scheme, but has indicated that he is decidedly in a receptive frame of mind.

It has been intimated that several leading members of the Legislature feel likewise, and that in fact they were themselves responsible for proposing the plan of having the Legislature assemble elsewhere than in its official halls.

But with the opening of a journalistic drive to keep Manila the capital, both official and actual, most of the legislators have either come out against the project or professed ignorance of the whole scheme.

Baguio is admittedly a pleasant and cool retreat, far up in the mountains 180 miles from Manila. But it is likewise not easy of access for the common people, the Filipino owned, and edited *Philippines Herald* points out, in declaring that "the Legislature will be isolating itself to the majority of the Filipinos if it moves to Baguio."

Remark that visits to Manila for business reasons are frequent, and that such business visits often can be made to coincide with sessions of the Legislature, the *Herald* says that it will be a hardship to the public to be forced to travel to Baguio solely for the purpose of seeking out the Legislature.

"Drop it," advises the Filipino-owned *Tribune* as its headline over an editorial in similar strain. This organ touches on a point which the papers have stressed before, namely, the relative inactivity of the last session of the Legislature.

"The Legislature has not been performing with all the cylinders of its machinery delivering adequate power," continues the *Tribune*. "Holding the sessions in Baguio would tend further to cripple the machinery of both Houses. . . . With the Legislature in Baguio and the high executive officials in Manila, the Government will not function as smoothly as it should. It will be a divided organization."

During former Administrations there had been some use of Baguio as a "hot weather capital," moving all parts of the Government into the mountains during the warm spring months. The present proposal, however, would take the Legislature out of Manila during the cool winter season when the lowlands are at their best, and it includes no provision for moving any other portion of the Government out of the accustomed office, in Manila.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

LEAGUE MATCHES ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

SUCCESSFUL DAY FOR HOME TEAMS.

In the football programme on Christmas Day, teams playing on their own ground in the Southern Section of Division III. won eight matches, while two home teams lost the points and another match provided a draw. Home teams in Division I. also succeeded in gaining full points in six games while honours were even in three other matches. Division II. provided four drawn matches.

Leaders all round maintain their places. Blackburn had a convincing victory over the Arsenal. Huddersfield and Derby county shared the points, each side failing to score. In the Second Division two home teams, Hull City and Middlesbrough, each scored five goals to one to the visiting teams. Blackpool gained a 4-1 victory at Grimsby. Southampton did well in adding another drawn game to their record in their meeting with Notts County, the leaders.

Plymouth, who lead in the Southern Section, added full points at the expense of Gillingham. Charlton and Watford were the only visiting teams to return with the points. In the Northern Section encounter between Rochdale and Wrexham, eight goals were shared by the two teams.

Three matches were also played in the Scottish League, but the leaders were not engaged. Third Lanark lost at home to Dundee, while Hearts accounted for the visiting St. Mirren, both on single goal margins. Clyde recovered from their week-end defeat, but lost a point to Queen's Park who had a score of six goals to two in their Saturday match with Aberdeen.

Results of matches on Christmas Day as cable by Reuters and revised League tables are appended.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham	3	Bolton	2
Blackburn	5	Arsenal	0
Burnley	3	Liverpool	2
Bury	0	Leicester	1
Everton	0	Sunderland	0
Huddersfield	0	Derby	0
Leeds	0	Cardiff	0
Manchester U.	1	Sheffield U.	1
Manchester C.	3	Aston Villa	2
Portsmouth	3	Newcastle	0
Sheff. Wed.	1	Newcastle	0

Home wins 6, away win 1, drawn 3. Goals scored: Home 10, away 10.

*Result not received.

Division II.

Bradford	3	Swansea	1
Clapton	3	Barnsley	1
Grimsby	1	Blackpool	1
Hull	5	Preston	1
Middlesbrough	5	Port Vale	1
Millwall	3	Oldham	1
Notts C.	1	Southampton	1
Stoke	0	Chelsea	1
Tottenham	0	Reading	2
West Brom.	1	Bristol C.	3
Wolves	2	Notts For.	3

Home wins 4, away wins 3, drawn 4. Goals scored: Home 24, away 19.

Division III. (Southern).

Bournemouth	3	Exeter	2
Brighton	3	Brentford	1
Bristol R.	1	Crystal Pal.	1
Coventry	0	Charlton	1
Fulham	2	Torquay	1
Luton	2	Southend	1
Merthyr	0	Watford	2
Newport	0	Gillingham	0
Plymouth	0	Swindon	2
Queen's P.R.	4	Northampton	2
Walsall	4	Northampton	2

Home wins 8, away wins 2, drawn 1. Goals scored: Home 24, away 15.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington	0	Bradford C.	1
Ashington	1	South Shields	3
Carlisle	2	Halifax	1
Crowe	3	New Brighton	0
Hartlepool	3	Lincoln	2
Rochdale	4	Wrexham	2
Southport	1	Chesterfield	0
Stockport	0	Rotherham	0
Wigan	0	Tranmere	0

Home wins 4, away wins 3, drawn 1. Goals scored: Home 14, away 12.

*Result not received.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Third Lanark	1	Dundee	2
Clyde	2	Queen's Park	2
Hearts	1	St. Mirren	0

LEAGUE TABLES.

The English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I.), up to and including matches completed on Christmas Day, are appended:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Wednesday	20	13	3	4	1	27	29
Derby	21	12	3	8	49	29	27
Blackburn	22	11	3	8	43	23	27
Leeds	20	11	3	8	43	23	27
Sunderland	21	10	3	8	50	32	27
Everton	21	10	3	8	50	32	27
Burnley	22	10	3	8	51	24	29
Leicester	22	10	3	8	47	21	29
Aston Villa	20	10	3	8	43	23	27
Liverpool	21	9	3	8	40	21	29
Huddersfield	21	8	3	8	40	21	29
Dundee	21	8	3	8	40	21	29
Newcastle	22	9	2	11	38	40	20
Birmingham	20	7	4	8	36	40	13
Manchester City	19	7	4	8	31	45	13

Division II.

Bradford	20	12	4	4	43	22	28
Luton	19	12	3	4	45	32	27
Queen's P.R.	20	10	7	3	37	29	27
Fulham	19	11	4	4	48	26	26
Northants	21	10	5	6	51	31	25
Coventry	20	10	5	5	54	19	25
Bournemouth	19	9	5	6	37	27	23
Charlton	18	8	5	6	36	22	21
Watford	19	10	1	8	30	34	21
Crystal P.	19	8	4	8	37	30	20
Swindon	19	8	4	8	37	30	20
Southend	19	8	4	8	37	30	20
Torquay	19	8	1	10	37	36	17
Brighton	19	6	3	10	37	36	17
Bristol R.	19	6	3	10	36	32	15
Gillingham	20	5	4	11	23	36	14
Merthyr	19	5	3	11	24	40	13
Newport	19	5	3	11	24	40	13
Norwich	19	5	2	12	26	36	12
Exeter	19	5	2	12	24	36	12
Brentford	19	4	4	11	19	32	12

Division III. (Northern).

Stockport	18	11	4	3	62	23	36
Wrexham	20	9	8	3	45	38	26
Bradford C.	19	11	3	5	59	25	25
Lincoln	20	9	6	5	44	34	24
Carlisle	21	9	6	6	43	33	24
S. Shields	19	9	5	5	41	30	23
Wigan	19	9	5	5	39	18	23
Doncaster	19	9	4	6	34	28	22
Tranmere	19	10	1	8	37	36	21
Crowe	19	8	4	7	34	36	20
Rochdale	20	6	7	7	45	43	19
Halifax	20	6	6	8	25	26	19
Nelson	20	9	1	10	39	43	19
N. Brighton	19	8	2	9	38	40	18
Chesterfield	19	7	3	8	36	40	17
Rotherham	19	7	3	9	26	36	17
Accrington	19	6	3	9	27	36	15
Hartlepool	19	6	3	10	31	53	15
Darlington	19	6	3	10	31	41	14
Southport	19	6	3	11	33	48	14
Ashington	21	5	2	14	26	57	13
Barrow	18	3	5	10	26	42	11

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Carlisle	21	9	6	6	43	33	24
S. Shields	19	9	5	5	41	30	23
Wigan	19	9	5	5	39	18	23
Doncaster	19	9	4	6	34	28	22
Tranmere	19	10	1	8	37	36	21
Crowe	19	8	4	7	34	36	20
Rochdale	20	6	7	7	45	43	19
Halifax	20	6	6	8	25	26	19
Nelson	20	9	1	10	39	43	19
N. Brighton	19	8	2	9	38	40	18
Chesterfield	19	7	3	8	36	40	17
Rotherham	19	7	3	9	26	36	17
Accrington	19	6	3	9	27	36	15
Hartlepool	19	6	3	10	31	53	15
Darlington	19	6	3	10	31	41	14
Southport	19	6	3	11	33	48	14
Ashington	21	5	2	14	26	57	13
Barrow	18	3	5	10	26	42	11

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Plymouth	20	12	4	4	43	22	28
Luton	19	12	3	4	45	32	27
Queen's P.R.	20	10	7	3	37	29	27
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Hong Kong Observatory, Dec. 26th.									
Barometer	Therm. Air	Therm. Sea	Therm. Rain	Wind	Direction	Force	Weather	Rain	Remarks
30.08	80.11	80.05	0.00	E	E	4	B	0.00	0.00
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A SNOOKER CHAMPION.

U.S.S. "ASHEVILLE" MAN TAKES KING EDWARD HOTEL TROPHY.

Mr. Thomas Francis Kiley, of the U.S.S. Asheville was warmly congratulated by his friends and shipmates on Christmas morning on winning the King Edward Hotel Snooker Championship. After encounters with a number of formidable opponents in the Colony, Mr. Kiley played the final game on Christmas Eve, before a crowd of interested spectators. He handled his cue with skill and succeeded in wrestling the championship trophy from Mr. J. H. Wicheil, proprietor of the King Edward Hotel. A pleasing ceremony took place on board the Asheville on Christmas morning, when the championship trophy was presented to Mr. Kiley. The mess room was gaily decorated with flags, holly and mistletoe and a delicious Christmas breakfast was laid on the table for the guests.

Also Good At Marbles.

In presenting Mr. Kiley with the trophy, Mr. Wicheil said: "Friends, I am indeed honoured in being asked to make this presentation to Mr. Kiley. You all know that Mr. Kiley has taught us a trick or two about snooker and how it should be played. The tournament had been throughout contested with a real friendly spirit, and this spirit is with us all on this Christmas morning."

"I am sure you will agree with me that Mr. Kiley has defeated us all in a most sporting manner, and I will say this for him that if there was anyone of us here who deserved to win the championship title, that man was Mr. Kiley himself. I have dug into his life history, and I found that when quite a little Tommy Kiley was a marvel at marbles. Some of his college mates still recollect to their sorrow that many a stockyful of marbles, which their parents had paid for, eventually found their ways into Tommy's possession."

"They all, however, agreed that Tommy did not win those marbles by squeezing an inch of ground. He had always played a fair game. Tommy was also, and I think he still is, good at other games, such as swinging a lariat and riding huckaback."

"Gentlemen, these are only a few of the sporting precivities of our champion here to-day which I had been able to dig up. There are probably more. However, we are quite contented to leave it at that, and now gentlemen you will all join me in acclaiming Mr. Kiley the 'B.S.C.' (Billiard Snooker Champion) of the King Edward Hotel."

The Trophy.

The trophy, in the form of a huge plum pudding, was then unwrapped. It was tastefully decorated with icing, and around it was a red ribbon with the words "Thomas Francis Kiley, B.S.C. Mr. Kiley's health was then drunk in aerated water, no stronger stimulant being allowed on a United States ship. Mr. Kiley was then requested to cut the pudding across, which he did, and to his and many others' surprise, a miniature bottle of brandy, a specially imported bottle of apple sauce, a marble and a black billiard ball, came toppling out on to the tray.

Mr. Kiley is a very popular figure in Hong Kong. He is about the oldest member of the United States fleet out here and his shipmates regard him as a walking encyclopedia on the Colony's affairs.

STUDENT "RACS" DEPLORED.

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S HINT AT ABERDEEN.

ABERDEEN. Lord Birkenhead attended the students' recital dance when the principal intimated that the students were to get a holiday on Monday.

Lord Birkenhead rose and said: "My proposal was that there ought to be a holiday for a week. This, I regret to say, has been definitely turned down by the Senate."

Roars of laughter arose when he added: "Even the decision for a Monday holiday was carried only by a bare majority, and that scanty and begrudging concession would not have been possible had it not been for votes of divinity professors."

Plea For Quietness.

"I must say," Lord Birkenhead slyly continued, "I was disappointed that hard-living, porridge-nourished Scotsmen should want any holiday at all. If I were completely insincere, however, I should add that I hope you will work doubly hard, on Tuesday, but I never intended to deceive you."

In a reference to his recital address, Lord Birkenhead said: "I am all in favour of the utmost cheerfulness on these occasions, but I feel that Scottish students make a mistake in making it difficult for their choicest professors to get a hearing when the force of rhetorical argument is destroyed by cat-calls."

He suggested that a tradition should be established that those who elected a recital should see that

FOREIGN SHIPPING IN CHINESE WATERS.

"ALARMING" COMPETITION.

Now that the reconstruction period has set in, the authorities are paying great attention to various questions. One problem which they are setting out to solve, amongst many others, says the Canton Gazette, is the matter of developing the shipping trade along modern lines. In view of the years of internal strife experienced up to the time of the unification of the country, the shipping business has disintegrated most alarmingly, to the advantage of foreign shipping interests.

Mr. Ma Chou Chun, the Commissioner of Reconstruction at Canton, now proposes that a special study should be made of the systems of waterborne transportation in force abroad with a view to eventually making use of the observations gained from such investigation to the advantage of Chinese shipping.

It is felt all round that something should be done to protect Chinese shipping from being wiped out altogether through foreign competition. Up and down the China coast foreign ships have successfully carried on a coastwise trade, although in certain countries non-national ships are not allowed to ply in the coastwise trade.

The Commissioner of Reconstruction is reported to be determined to make a careful survey of the shipping position abroad, so as to apply the results of this survey for the benefit of Chinese shipping.

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THE Steamship "TALAMBA"

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MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO. Hong Kong, 26th Dec., 1928. [7144]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

A Protest has been noted by the Master against bad weather.

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CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Steamer "MAIN"

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m., on the 31st of December, 1928.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-signature.

MELCHERS & CO. Agents: NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. Hong Kong, 26th Dec., 1928. [7146]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

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STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJISALAK	JAVA, MAKASSAR	28th Dec.	31st Dec.	AMOT & N. CHINA
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	2nd Jan.	4th Jan.	AMOT & SHANGHAI
TJITAROEM	JAVA, MAKASSAR	11th Jan.	13th Jan.	AMOT & N. CHINA
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HONGKONG & HAIPHONG	"KANG"	On 29th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANG"	On 30th Dec.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KANG"	On 30th Dec.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANG"	On 1st Jan.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KANG"	On 1st Jan.	4 p.m.
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI & BANGKOK	"KANG"	On 2nd Jan.	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KANG"	On 3rd Jan.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KANG"	On 6th Jan.	11 a.m.
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SPHINX ... 12th Feb., "	PAUL LEBON ... 12th Feb., "
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ARRIVALS.

December 24th.	December 25th.	December 26th.
Linan, British str., 1,350 tons, Capt. W. J. Larier, from Amoy, with 453 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12-B & S.	Chip Shing, for Canton.	December 26th.
Miketan Maru, Japanese str., 1,961 tons, Capt. J. Makubayashi, from Milke, which port she left on December 19th, with 3,000 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. A25-M.B.K.	Linan, for Canton.	December 26th.
December 25th.	Sui Sang, for Moji.	December 26th.
Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,399 tons, Capt. E. Yamamoto, from Canton, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Hai Ning, British str., 832 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Foochow via Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf-Douglas.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Hsin Wah, Chinese str., 1,353 tons, Capt. M. P. Jensen, from Canton, lying at China Merchants' Wharf-C.M.S.N. Co.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Hydangee, British str., 561 tons, Capt. W. Brewer, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Chin On Wharf-Chin On S.S. Co.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Saarland, German str., 10,000 tons, Capt. F. Helfer, from Singapore, which port she left on December 21st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf-Jensen & Co.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Tak Fook, Chinese str., 1,403 tons, Capt. H. Modson, from Saigon, which port she left on December 19th, with 2,250 tons of rice and 50 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39-Hock Yuan Hong.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Talamba, British str., 3,344 tons, Capt. H. F. Minett, from Amoy, with 675 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1-Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Finnian, British str., 1,303 tons, Capt. W. E. Peppow, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B34-B & S.	December 26th.	December 26th.
December 26th.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Bintang, Danish str., 1,725 tons, Capt. V. Reister, from Hoihow, with rice, coal and firewood, lying at buoy No. C35-John, Mackinnon & Co.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Chekiang, British str., 1,313 tons, Capt. Y. N. Campbell, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18-B & S.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Cremor, Dutch str., 2,735 tons, Capt. Y. J. Harmsen, from Singapore, which port she left on December 19th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4-J.C.J.L.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Halvard, British str., 1,217 tons, Capt. C. W. Shearer, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41-Wo Fat Sing.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Hosan Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Keelung, Amoy and Swatow, with 200 tons of coal and 211 tons of merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf-J.S.K.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Kwangchow, British str., 1,571 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B23-B & S.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Kueiyang, British str., Capt. E. M. Gelbe, from Swatow, with 2,100 tons of rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11-B & S.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Main, German str., 7,600 tons, Capt. Tom Dreck, from Bremen, which port she left on November 14th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf-Melchers & Co.	December 26th.	December 26th.
Shanai, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. A. N. Taylor, from Canton, lying at buoy No. C37-B & S.	December 26th.	December 26th.

CLEARANCES.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Messageries Maritimes.

Chenonceau, January 1st.

D'Artagnan, January 1st.

Athos II, Jan. 15th.

Sphinx, January 15th.

General Metzing, Jan. 29th.

Paul Lecat, February 18th.

Andre Lebon, Feb. 28th.

Porcher, March 12th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Malacca Maru, to-day.

Nagato Maru, to-day.

Kashima Maru, to-morrow.

Katori Maru, to-morrow.

Rangoon Maru, to-morrow.

Tamba Maru, Dec. 29th.

Yamaguchi Maru, Dec. 29th.

Tanyo Maru, Dec. 30th.

Takaka Maru, December 30th.

Toyooka Maru, Dec. 30th.

Suwa Maru, January 4th.

Penang Maru, January 10th.

Atsuta Maru, January 11th.

Anyo Maru, January 13th.

Durban Maru, January 13th.

Kawachi Maru, January 14th.

Tatsuno Maru, January 15th.

Bingo Maru, January 20th.

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Korea Maru, February 4th.

Sakura Maru, February 11th.

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Bokuyo Maru, February 23rd.

Tango Maru, March 19th.

Kanagawa Maru, April 5th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Koenigsberg, to-morrow.

Trier, Jan. 13th.

Lahn, January 30th.

Derfflinger, February 10th.

Goettingen, February 28th.

Saarbrücken, March 13th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Alipore, January 1st.

Mantua, January 4th.

Moran, January 4th.

Kidderpore, January 7th.

Kashgar, January 18th.

Padua, January 18th.

Macedonia, February 1st.

Kina, February 15th.

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Thalatta, January 10th.

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	"HANGSANG"	Sat., 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.
	"WAISANG"	Wed., 9th Jan., at 7 a.m.
MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Thurs., 27th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Sun., 30th Dec., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Satur., 5th Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"KUTSANG"	Wed., 9th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Fri., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"HINSANG"	Fri., 18th Jan., at 3 p.m.
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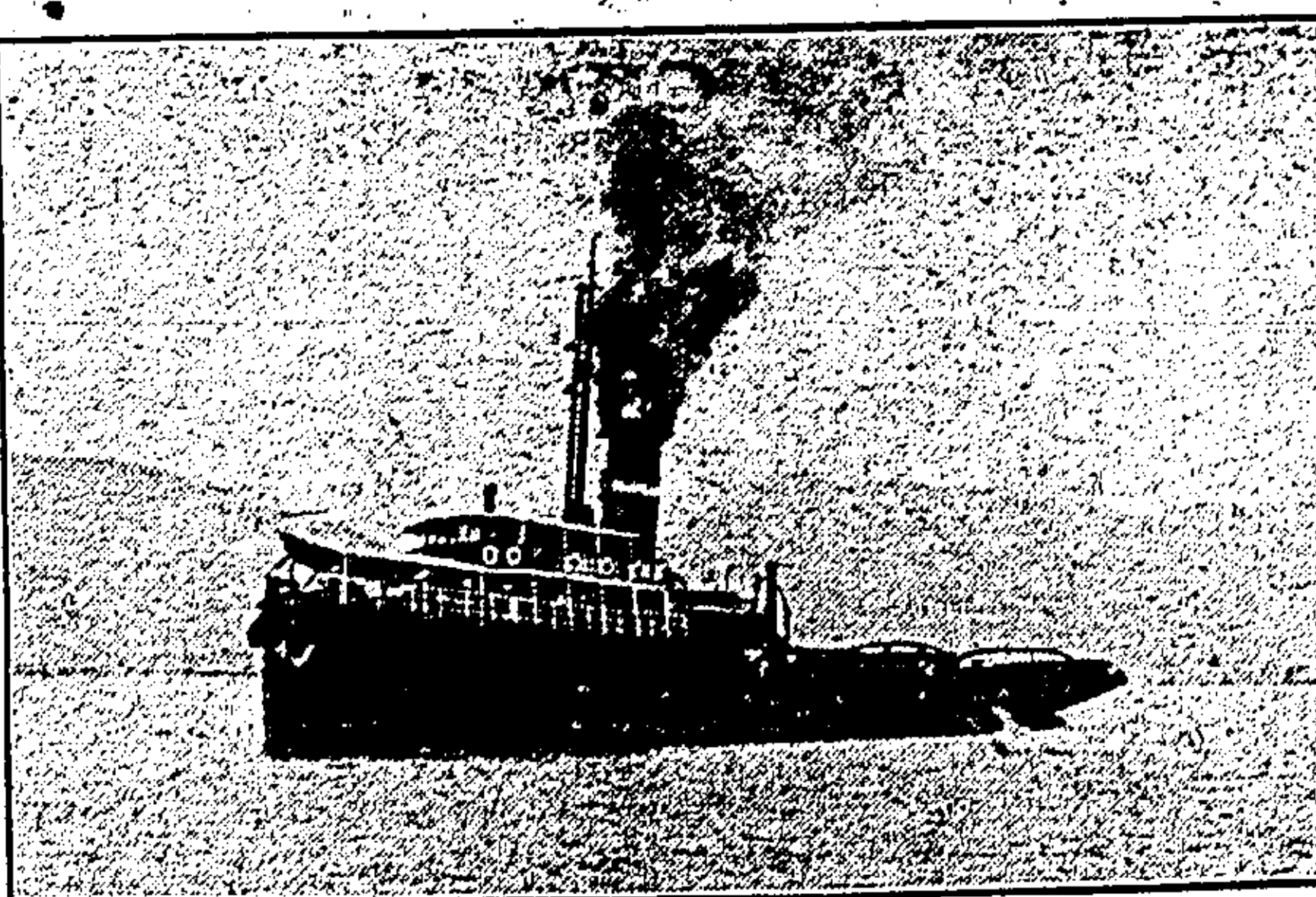
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STATEMENT OF FREIGHTS.

GOOD CARGO RETURNS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

YESTERDAY'S RETURNS FAIR.

The general cargo returns during the past few days, were, on the whole, good. The figures for Christmas Day were very good, but a heavy decrease was shown for the period ending at 9 a.m. yesterday. Thirty-two arrivals and twenty-nine departures were shown during the two days.

Returns for Christmas Day.

Twenty arrivals and twelve departures were shown for the period ending at 9 a.m. on December 25th, of which eight arrivals and three departures were British. Imports were good, with a heavy total of through cargo.

Fifteen vessels discharged 10,634 tons of merchandise for this port, of which 3,918 tons were contributed by six British ships. The best returns were by the s.s. *Tai Po* (Chinese) with 2,900 tons of general cargo from Saigon, and the s.s. *Mikawa Maru* (Japanese) from Miki with 2,000 tons of coal.

Through freights carried by twelve vessels amounted to 20,238 tons, and six British ships carried 2,558 tons. The best carrier was shown by the s.s. *Hakone Maru* (Japanese) arriving from London and Singapore with 7,625 tons. The s.s. *Golden Dragon* (U.S.A.) also carried 6,483 tons from Los Angeles and Manila as second best carrier.

Yesterday's Figures.

With only twelve arrivals and seventeen departures for the period ending at 9 a.m. yesterday the general cargo returns showed a heavy decrease. Five British arrivals and seven departures were shown.

Imports from eleven ships amounted to 8,310 tons, of which 5,113 tons were discharged from four British vessels. The two best returns were from the s.s. *Halvard* (British) with 2,140 tons of general cargo from Hong Kong, and the s.s. *Kwaiyang* (British) from Bangkok and Swatow with 2,100 tons.

Only three vessels carried through freights amounting to 7,708 tons, of which, two were British. The s.s. *Saarland* (German) carried the heaviest cargo of 6,000 tons from Antwerp and Singapore, followed by the s.s. *Talamba* (British) with 1,248 tons from Kobe and Shanghai.

Details of Freights.

During the two days of December 25th to yesterday 9 a.m., a total of 18,944 tons of general merchandise was discharged for Hong Kong, of which 8,328 tons were carried by British ships. Cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 28,898 tons, and British vessels carried 4,256 tons.

Arrivals And Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	13	10
French	1	3
Norwegian	1	3
American	2	2
Japanese	5	6
Chinese	8	4
Italian	0	1
German	1	0
Danish	1	0
Total	32	29

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS FOR PERIOD ENDING AT 9 A.M. ON TUESDAY, 25th.

Empress of Asia (British) arrived from Vancouver and Manila with 150 tons of general merchandise for through ports.

Suikang (British) arrived from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,384 tons of opium, gunnies and general merchandise for Hong Kong, and 1,338 tons of pig iron and general cargo for Japan.

Hong Hwa (British) arrived from Rangoon and Singapore with 900 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong and 100 tons for through ports.

Sinkiang (British) arrived from Shanghai and Canton with 100 tons for through ports.

Lian (British) arrived from Shanghai and Amoy with 465 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 373 tons for other ports.

Tunnan (British) arrived from Canton with 350 tons of general cargo for other ports.

Hai Ning (British) arrived from Foochow and Amoy with 380 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hydrangea (British) arrived from Swatow with 42 tons of general cargo for this port.

Hanoi (French) arrived from Haiphong and Fort Bayard with 700 tons of cement, 213 head of pigs and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hellas (Norwegian) arrived from Bangkok and Swatow with 1,682 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Golden Dragon (U.S.A.) arrived from Los Angeles and Manila with 6,483 tons of hemp, lumber, copra, coconut and coconut oil for other ports.

Raleigh (U.S.A.) arrived from Swatow with 60 boxes of plain tin plates and one case of steel shafting for Hong Kong.

Hakone Maru (Japanese) arrived from London and Singapore with 7,625 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 7,624 tons for through ports.

Mikawa Maru (Japanese) arrived from Miki with 2,000 tons of coal for Hong Kong and 2,000 tons for through ports.

Del Maru (Japanese) arrived from Takao and Canton with 398 tons of old iron for other ports.

Tai Po (Chinese) arrived from Saigon with 2,900 tons of rice and 50 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hwa Wah (Chinese) arrived from Shanghai and Amoy with 1,919 packages of general cargo for Hong Kong, and 172 tons for through ports.

Halvard (British) arrived from Bangkok and Swatow with 2,140 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Kwaiyang (British) arrived from Haiphong and Hoifow with 2,140 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Foochow (British) arrived from Tsingtao and Swatow with 200 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 250 tons for through ports.

Talamba (British) arrived from Kobe and Amoy with 675 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 1,248 tons for other ports.

Saarland (German) arrived from Antwerp and Singapore with 700 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 6,000 tons for through ports.

(Continued on next column).

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

DEATH OF MR. W. EDLEY.

LATE STEAMBOAT COMPANY WHARFINGER.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The death has to be recorded with much regret, of Mr. "Bill" Edley, the late Chief Wharfinger of the Hong Kong Canton and Macau Steamboat Company, who died at the French Hospital yesterday morning at 7 a.m. Mr. Edley recently returned from a trip to Canada where he went to recuperate after a long illness. A full account of the funeral which took place yesterday evening appears in another page of this issue.

A Death And A Woman Departed.

The s.s. *Bintang* (Danish) which arrived here yesterday from Bangkok and Hoifow reports the death of a Chinese passenger from consumption.

The s.s. *Hellas* (Norwegian) which arrived from Bangkok and Swatow reports that a Chinese girl was handed over to the local police authorities having being deported to this Colony from Bangkok.

Asiatic Deck Passengers. Twenty vessels brought 3,247 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the period from 9 a.m. on Monday, December 24th to yesterday 9 a.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President Jackson, December 31st.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiping, January 4th.

Change, February 8th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Atrous, to-morrow.

Thesus, December 30th.

Protestant, January 3rd.

Sarpedon, January 7th.

Perseus, January 8th.

Tathylus, January 8th.

Achilles, January 11th.

Emaeus, January 11th.

Lycan, January 12th.

Ningchow, January 12th.

Automedon, January 15th.

Tyndus, January 30th.

Aeneas, January 29nd.

Ison, January 29th.

Dolus, January 31st.

Keenun, January 31st.

Calchas, February 3rd.

Philoctetes, February 5th.

Patroclus, February 7th.

Phemius, February 7th.

Autolykus, February 8th.

Demodocus, February 19th.

Hellerophon, February 20th.

Eurymedus, February 24th.

Troilus, February 24th.

Tyndareus, February 24th.

Menelaus, March 3rd.

Agamemnon, March 7th.

Antenor, March 7th.

Meriones, March 14th.

Ajax, March 27th.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"MANTUA"	10,945	5th Jan., 1929	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	19th Jan. "	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"ALIPOR"	5,973	24th Jan. "	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,953	2nd Feb. "	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	7th Feb. "	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	18th Feb. "	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MACDONIA"	11,130	2nd Mar. "	Marseilles and London.
"PADUA"	5,907	9th Mar. "	Mars, L'don, A'warp, B'dm, H'g
"KEITA"	9,135	18th Mar. "	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Mar. "	do
"MALWA"	10,980	30th Mar. "	Marseilles & London.
"NALDERA"	10,983	13th Apr. "	B'bay, Mars, & London.
"KARMALA"	9,123	20th Apr. "	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,945	27th Apr. "	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	11th May "	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	18th May "	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
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"TALMA"	10,000	6th Jan., 1929	do
"SANTERIA"	7,754	13th Jan. "	do
"TILAWA"	10,000	13th Jan. "	do
"TAKLIWA"	7,933	13th Feb. "	do
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"TANDA"	6,956	1st Mar. "	do

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"ALIPOR"	5,973	1st Jan., 1929	Moji & Kobe.
"SANTERIA"	7,754	2nd Jan. "	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, & Osaka.
"MOREA"	10,953	4th Jan. "	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	7th Jan. "	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Jan. "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
"TILAWA"	10,000	14th Jan. "	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	18th Jan. "	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"PADUA"	5,907	18th Jan. "	do
"TAKLIWA"	7,933	20th Jan. "	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TAKADA"	6,949	28th Jan. "	do
"MACDONIA"	11,130	1st Feb. "	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	5th Feb. "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
"TALAMBA"	9,015	6th Feb. "	Amoy, Moji, Kobe

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
JAPAN, SHANGHAI & Europe via Siberia (London, 3rd-5th Dec.)	Nagato Maru	27th Dec.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI (U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai)	Kashima Maru	28th Dec.
Europe via SHANGHAI (Letters and Papers) London, 25th Nov.	Pres. Taft	31st Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & SHANGHAI	Pres. Jackson	31st Dec.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Chimoon Maru	1st Jan. 1929
SHANGHAI L.		4th

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE & TIME
Straits and Celebes	Talawa	Thursday, 27th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Shanghai	1.30 P.M.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Hydrangea	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Chimoon	6.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 12th January, 1929	St. Albans	Friday, 28th, 1.45 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hai Ning	Friday, 28th, 2.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th Jan., 1929	Kashima Maru	Friday, 28th, 3.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hai Ning	Friday, 28th, 3.45 A.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 12th January, 1929	St. Albans	Saturday, 29th, 8.20 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hai Ning	Saturday, 29th, 8.30 A.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 12th January, 1929	St. Albans	Saturday, 29th, 8.50 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hai Ning	Saturday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 23rd Jan., 1929, & Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jackson	Monday, 31st Dec., 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hai Ning	Tuesday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st February, 1929	Okenoncean	Tuesday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 12th January, 1929	St. Albans	Tuesday, 1st, 11.15 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hai Ning	Tuesday, 1st, 11.30 A.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday, 12th January, 1929	St. Albans	Thursday, 3rd, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Hai Ning	Friday, 4th, 5.00 P.M.
Mombasa, Lourenco Marques & South Africa via Singapore	Kawakura Maru	Friday, 4th, 5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East & South Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st Feb., 1929	Manila	Friday, 4th, 5.00 P.M.

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